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Brown and Blair clash in Post sale

THE CABINET is split over privatisation of the Post Office as Gordon Brown lines up with Labour backbenchers to oppose Tony Blair's plans for a sell-off. The issue could prove to be the toughest test yet for the uneasy relationship between the Prime Minister and his Chancellor.

Despite claims to the contrary, senior Treasury sources yesterday insisted that Mr Brown was opposed to a partial privatisation of the organisation. That puts him on a collision course with No 10, which favours the move.

The Brown camp indicated yesterday that claims of conflict between the Chancellor and Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade were wrong and had been floated by supporters of Mr Blair seeking to capitalise on disagreements between the Chancellor and his allies.

It is understood that Mr Brown is seeking "greater commercial freedom" for the Post Office, but will resist attempts to seek buyers for a 49 per cent share. However, Downing Street still favours the sell-off which proved a privatisation too far for the Conservatives. Michael Heseltine was defeated on the issue in 1997 because Tory backbenchers refused to back him.

The issue raises strong emotions on all sides. While Mr Blair and his policy unit may see this as a chance to take on the unions, feelings are running high in the Commons.

BY BARRIE CLEMENT AND FRAN ABRAMS

When Mr Brown spoke to Labour MPs last week, several voiced opposition even to partial privatisation.

The postal service has been publicly owned since 1963. It's part of the social fabric of this country. To sell it off would look completely hypocritical after Labour campaigned against it in 1997," one MP said.

Talks between the Post Office, the Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry are under way as part of a review whose results are due to be announced in the autumn. However, senior Post Office managers have registered their frustration over the Government's continuing indecision.

Under one possible option, the state-owned company would be able to borrow from the private capital markets. Unions argued that the Treasury could gain up to £2bn in revenues before the next election if it gave the Post Office this freedom.

Because the accounting system governing state borrowing has been changed, loans to the Post Office for capital investment will no longer be part of what used to be called the public-sector borrowing requirement. It had been thought that the Treasury might oppose commercial freedom because it would place a burden on the PSBR.

Meanwhile, leaders of the Communication Workers Union declared their surprise at weekend reports that the Chancellor

was seeking a share sale. It is understood that Derek Hodgson, general-secretary of the union, came away from a recent private meeting with Mr Brown under the impression that the option had been dropped. The union was subsequently told by sources at the DTI that the Treasury was insisting on partial privatisation.

Mr Hodgson has now written to the Chancellor asking for confirmation that the Post Office will remain under 100 per cent state ownership.

"I don't believe they can be serious about this. It did not appear in the manifesto, it would backtrack on pre-election promises and there are no logical reasons for doing it," Mr Hodgson said.

Privately, the union is angry about the possibility of a sale and would even contemplate industrial action to stop it.

Friends of Mr Brown have denied claims that the Chancellor was involved in a bitter battle on the issue with Mrs Beckett, who is opposed to partial privatisation. Their close political friendship has also come under strain over the issue of the national minimum wage. Mrs Beckett wanted to implement all the Low Pay Commission's recommendations but Mr Brown insisted on a lower rate for more young people.

There has been increasing speculation that Mr Brown has been garnering support throughout the Labour Party in pursuit of a long-term plan to supplant the Prime Minister.

Air traffic control system in 'mayhem'

BRITAIN'S air traffic control system, due to be privatised in 2000, has been thrown into "mayhem" a record 18 times since February as controllers struggle to cope with an ever-increasing number of flights.

On one occasion earlier this year, the system "degenerated into chaos". The incident occurred when more than 50 planes entered an area only designed to cope with 42 aircraft.

In a letter obtained by *The Independent*, to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), a controller stated on 28 April: "We had over 50 aircraft entering a sector that was already full. There was no safe place to put the new aircraft."

Only 12 such cases of over-

BY RANDEEP RAMESH
Transport Correspondent

load - lodged when controllers believe the number of aircraft they are handling means they could lose the ability to separate them safely - were recorded last year. At this rate there are likely to be a record 40 such instances in 1998.

With air traffic set to grow by 6 per cent a year, things are unlikely to improve. "The worse sector is Clacton at the moment," said Bob Neville, who works at the busy West Drayton centre and is also a representative for the air traffic controllers' union IPMS. "This has all the northern European traffic. Things are pretty bad

over the Irish Sea and the Dover sector."

The union said it was only 18 months ago that two jets carrying hundreds of passengers were "minutes away" from a collision after a controller had been too busy coping with a particularly crowded piece of airspace. The official inquiry that followed estimated there was "37 per cent" excess traffic but said this was "exceptional".

"It doesn't appear to be exceptional less than two years later on," said Joe Magee, aviation officer for the IPMS.

A CAA spokesman said "overload limits have built in safety margins". "British airspace is four times safer than the world average," he said.

Scenes from English summer (from top): Tourists frolic in Trafalgar Square, flower-fanciers seek the shade; England's cricket captain Alec Stewart takes the long walk back to the pavilion as his side are beaten at Lord's by South Africa

Clinton calls

IN AN act of consummate popular diplomacy, President Bill Clinton yesterday used the US-Iran clash on the football field to make a direct appeal for an end to the 20-year diplomatic stand-off between the two countries.

In a pre-recorded message, broadcast on international television during half-time, Mr Clinton said that he and the Iranian President, Mohammad

BY MARY DEJEVSKY
in Washington

Khatami, had been working to encourage more people-to-people exchanges.

Mr Clinton's message was the latest step in a slow warming of US policy towards Iran. Last week the US Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, skewed a speech on Asia poli-

cy to was time - develop a towards normal relations.

Her speech was the US Administration's first considered response to a television interview given by President Khatami on CNN more than four months before, in which he had called for an end to the hostility with the US and proposed

that "deeds not words" were needed before there could be any substantial change in policy.

Relations were broken off in 1979, after Iranian revolutionary guards took more than 50 diplomatic hostages at the US embassy in Tehran.

Since Mr Khatami's interview, US officials have insisted

that "deeds not words" were needed before there could be any substantial change in policy.

However, Mr Clinton gave hints that he favoured a more positive response to President Khatami's overture, quietly encouraging private visits by US citizens to Iran and receiving at the White House members of the US wrestling team that visited

Iran two months ago.

The timing of Ms Albright's address, days before the World Cup tie, was seen as an attempt to defuse what was seen as an inevitably tricky diplomatic encounter.

While both nations had appeared keen to play down the political dimension of yesterday's clash, they were also acutely aware of what was at stake.

in his half-time

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Labour MP broke election rules

BY FRAN ABRAAMS
Political Correspondent

Labour confirmed today that one of its MPs had breached regulations on election spending in the 1992 General Election, but insisted he had acted "in good faith".

The controversy surrounds MP for Stoke-on-Trent South George Stevenson and claims that police had been informed about an overspend six years ago.

Mr Stevenson was not available for comment last night, but a Labour Party spokeswoman confirmed that there had been an overspend.

"Clearly the Labour Party cannot condone any breach of the regulations but it appears that, as far as Mr Stevenson is concerned, there was no intent to breach the regulations regarding expenses and he acted in good faith," she said.

She said the overspend had occurred because Mr Stevenson had been confronted by a creditor seeking payment at a time when the MP had been assured that his election expenses had already been settled.

He paid the bill rather than see a local man out of pocket, the spokeswoman said.

She added that there was no possibility of a challenge to the expenses now because any challenge had to be lodged within one year of an election taking place.

Woodward was not paid for talking to *Panorama*, and the BBC said yesterday that it intended to distribute the programme internationally for free.

The £40,000 payment to the family for interviews last year with the *Daily Mail* – only recently acknowledged by the newspaper – has been defended by their MP, Andrew Miller.

He said that it had not breached the Press Complaints Commission's code of practice.

"There have been discussions between Mr Stevenson and the police. We have been approached but there is no complaint and no criminal investigation. They are only discussions," a spokesman said.

Mr Stevenson, who is 60, has been an MP since 1992. He worked in the pottery industry, the mining industry and as a Transport and General Workers' Union shop steward before going into full-time politics.

He was MEP for Staffordshire East from 1984 until 1994, and also served for many years on Stoke-on-Trent City Council, where he was deputy leader from 1972 until 1983.

In Parliament, he is a member of the select committee on agriculture.

He lists his interests as transport, energy, agriculture, human rights and south Asia. His outside interests are walking, travel and reading.

LOUISE Woodward will tell television viewers tonight, in her first interview since returning to Britain, that she was blamed for the death of baby Matthew Eppen because "somebody had to pay".

Woodward, convicted of the manslaughter of eight-month-old Matthew, claims that she was made a scapegoat for his death. "If the parents didn't do it, who did? There's only you left," she tells the BBC's Martin Bashir in a special edition of *Panorama*.

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Millions of people are expected to watch the pro-

gramme, hoping that Woodward bares her soul to Mr Bashir in the same way as his last high-profile subject, Diana, Princess of Wales.

The BBC said yesterday that Woodward talks about life as an au pair in the Eppen household in Boston, her view of the family, her arrest, her reaction to the trial and the fight to clear her name.

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Trapped in the ice at 19,000ft, soldiers can only wait and pray



The sun setting on Mount McKinley in Alaska, where two British soldiers are trapped. Capt Featherstone (below right) was rescued after a fall as he tried to carry a fourth man

Al Grillo

BY STEVE BOGGAN

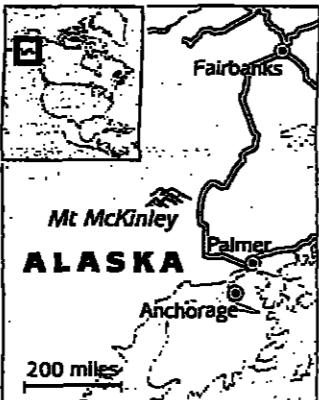
TWO BRITISH soldiers trapped on north America's highest mountain without a tent were last night facing their fourth night in blizzard conditions after a military expedition went horribly wrong.

Rescuers were praying for a break in the weather in order to send a high-altitude helicopter to pluck Corporal Carl Bougard and Sergeant Martin Spooner from the icy slopes of Mount McKinley in Alaska.

The man, from the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment and the Army Physical Training Corps, were trapped at 19,300ft when three of a six-man team aiming for the 20,032ft peak fell down an ice chute known to climbers as the Orient Express.

After the accident last Thursday, two of the group, Captain Phil Whifford, 23, of the Royal Marines, and Sgt Johny Johnstone, 33, of the Parachute Regiment set off for base camp at 14,500ft to seek help while Capt Justin Featherstone, 28, the Princess of Wales team leader, waited with the remaining three men injured in the fall.

However, the condition of one - Cpl Steve Brown, 26, of 22 Engineer Regiment, who suffered head injuries - began to deteriorate and Capt Featherstone decided to try to carry



THE COLDEST MOUNTAIN ON EARTH

ALTHOUGH NOT one of the world's top 20 highest peaks, Mt McKinley has a reputation among climbers as being arguably the coldest mountain in the world. Because it is so far north, it is subjected to icy blasts in excess of 100mph and temperatures falling to -40C.

Nevertheless, because it is the highest mountain in North America, it attracts thousands of climbers.

On Saturday, mountain rangers logged more than 300 people on its slopes. With such numbers attempting what can be a dangerous slog,

there are deaths on the mountain each year.

The Independent's Steve Goodwin, an experienced mountaineer who last month came to within 100m of the summit of Mt Everest, said: "It doesn't have a serious 'killer mountain' reputation but it does have some extreme factors that can be tricky. Those, coupled with the low temperatures can cause problems. Four nights on a mountain without a tent has to be regarded as being very serious for these men, but people have survived longer in snowholes with the right equipment."

trapped up the mountain. Sgt Spooner is thought to have a broken ankle and leg but Cpl Bougard is thought not to be injured.

Concern was growing last night because rescuers had had no radio contact with the men.

Ms Tranel said: "We are hoping that mother nature is kind to us and the weather conditions improve enough for us to get a helicopter out to the men."

"Our first priority is to make contact and then to drop supplies. At the moment the men are locked in."

The trapped men were part of a 10-strong expedition aiming to be the first to climb Alaska's highest mountain and then canoe 149 miles to the sea.

Three of the party on the mountain, Private Ian Hayward, 18,

Cpl Gary Keep, 27, and Lance Corporal Nigel Coar, 23, all of the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment, were not involved in the accident. The remaining member, Private Luke Mills, was sent home ill last week.

The wait for news has been draining for the men's loved ones. Cpl Bougard's girlfriend, Paula Wanstell, 27, said: "I felt sick when I found out that Carl was one of those stranded. I just started hyperventilating. I have been in a state of disbelief all day. When I first heard that some soldiers in Alaska were missing I had a really bad feeling that it would be him."

Capt Featherstone's mother, Linda, said the rescue team had done an "unbelievable job" in bringing her son back to base camp.

Speaking from the family home in Somerset, Mrs Featherstone said there was obviously a "desperate situation" on the mountain, and added: "The whole expedition went horribly wrong. I would like to know he is off the mountain and in hospital, but they have a full medical team at base camp. One of the rescuers told me: 'If you are going to fall on a mountain fall on our mountain - we have the best rescue services in the world.'

The expedition is the latest in a series organised by Capt Featherstone to raise cash for the Barnardo's Inclusion Project in west Somerset, where his parents live. The charity enables youngsters to take part in play, leisure and sporting activities in the community.

Capt Featherstone is not a stranger to problems on Mount McKinley. In 1994 he was beaten just short of the summit by altitude sickness. He joined the Army 10 years ago and is now based in Canterbury-Kent, with the First Battalion of the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment.

A qualified mountaineering and canoeing instructor, he has already been on several expeditions, which have included the Alps, Chile and Malaysia, and more were planned. "His mind is full of endless expeditions," said his mother, adding that among his son's future plans had been a trip to the Himalayas.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said yesterday that the rescuers needed only a brief window of clear weather in which to send up a special

French-made Lama helicopter to reach the two stranded men. However, yesterday conditions were windy and snowy.

"The men don't have a tent, but they are experienced mountaineers and experts in survival," the spokesman said. "They have cold-weather gear and equipment and they will be following their training carefully, digging snowholes and so on. If the Americans can get to them we are confident they will be OK."

If a helicopter rescue remains impossible today, a United States expedition at 17,000ft will attempt to reach the men.

The Mount McKinley incident has echoes of another ill-fated military expedition into Lowe Gully, a mile-deep ravine on Mount Kinabalu in Malaysia, South-East Asia's highest mountain, in 1994. Two British officers and three Hong Kong Chinese soldiers were trapped for 16 days with only enough rations for three days. At the time they were found, following a huge rescue operation by the British and Malaysian military, medics said that they were on the point of starvation.

A Board of Inquiry later criticised the two officers, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Neill, 46, and his second-in-command Major Ron Foster, 54, for "flawed judgement", but neither was disciplined.

Bill Gates is richest person

BY DIANA BLAMIRE

AND a group of properties which also includes Royal Crescent Hotel in Bath.

The fortune of 47-year-old Virgin boss Branson is estimated at £1.16bn, followed by the Rothschild empire, with a £1.1bn fortune and Sir Adrian Swire and Sir John Swire, who made their £1.1bn fortune through shipping, aviation and soft drinks.

Bringing up the rear of the list are Associated Newspapers and General Trust boss Viscount Rothermere and Garry Weston, of Associated British Foods, both with £9.5bn.

Americans lead the rest of the list, with 12 entries in the top 20.

They include the Walton family, which owns Wal-Mart Stores, £29bn; Michael Dell, boss of the Dell Computer Corp, £6.1bn; and the Haas family, which runs jeans giant Levi Strauss, £5bn.

THE TOP 25

Bill Gates, US, \$51bn
Walton family, US, \$48bn
Warren Edward Buffett, US, \$33bn
Paul Gardner Allen, US, \$21bn

Oeri, Hoffman & Sacher family, Switzerland, \$17.5bn
Quaide family, Germany, \$15.5bn

Kenneth Thomson, Canada, \$14.4bn

Forrest Edward Mars Sr and family, US, \$13.5bn

Jay A and Robert A Pritzker, US, \$13.5bn

Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Al-Saud, Saudi Arabia, \$13.3bn

Loi Shan Kee, Hong Kong, \$12.7bn

Theo & Kari Albrecht, and family, Germany, \$11.7bn

Haniel family, Germany, \$11.5bn

Curt Engelhorn, Germany, \$11.5bn

Bettencourt family, France, \$11.4bn

Steven Bellmer, \$10.7bn

Gerard Mulliez and family, France, \$10.3bn

Michael Dell, US, \$10bn

Li Ka-shing, Hong Kong, \$10bn

Walter Haefner, Switzerland, \$9.4bn

Emilio Botin and family, Spain, \$9.2bn

Samuel L Newhouse Jr and Donald E Newhouse, US, \$9bn

Philip F Anschutz, US, \$8.8bn

Carroll family, US, \$8.8bn

Seydoux/Schlumberger family, France, \$8.5bn

Scientists predict 1998 is millennium scorcher

BY STEVE CONNOR
Science editor

THE LATEST global temperature measurements show that 1998 is set to be the warmest year since records began.

Each month so far has broken previous global temperature records and scientists believe this year may even be the warmest of the millennium.

Thousands of readings from satellites and weather stations across the globe have confirmed that the world has been warmer this year than at any time since 1880, when Britain's Met Office collected the first reliable measurements of global temperatures.

Scientists who have estimated temperatures from past centuries by the growth of tree rings said this spring may have been the hottest in a thousand years, despite the cold start to the British summer.

The US's National Oceanic

and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which gathered the global temperature data, said every month from January to May "has exceeded" previous records.

In Britain, every month except April has been significantly warmer than the 30-year national average for that month. January and February were 1.5°C and 3.4°C above average respectively.

So far, the world is 0.25°C warmer than in 1997, which is the warmest year on record. Scientists said the increase, though small, is enough to suggest genuine global warming, rather than recording errors.

Scientists at the NOAA said El Niño, a disturbance in the Pacific Ocean currents which affect weather patterns across the globe, is largely responsible for the record temperatures. They said global warming might be exacerbating the phenomenon.

"El Niños are occurring more frequently and are progressively warmer. There is evidence to suggest global temperatures may be linked to stronger, more frequent El Niños," the NOAA said.

Sir John Houghton, co-chairman of the scientific committee of the International Panel on Climate Change, said the latest data on global temperatures support the international scientific consensus that human activity might be making global warming worse. "These measurements are going in the direction we expect. If we are seeing that each month of this year is the hottest ever, it is pretty unlikely to be a chance effect," he said.

"We think the world is warming up because of the burning of fossil fuels and an increase in carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. But at present we cannot prove this because of variability in the climate."

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World Cup: Toulouse braces itself for the English invasion as old hostilities break out on the football field

Four fans arrested as police get tough

BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE
in Toulouse

banning him from football grounds.

The other three men were arrested in a Toulouse bar. A spokeswoman for the city's regional prefect said they were arrested on the basis that they were known hooligans. A decision will be made today over whether to deport them. They can be held without charge for 24 hours.

Police at ports and airports are also on the look-out for up to 90 troublemakers involved in rioting in Marseilles who were captured on screen.

The approach of police in Toulouse has been markedly different from that in Marseilles - officers have been much more high profile.

Riot police have been patrolling the streets and there will be up to 2,000 officers on duty today, many of them reinforcements called in after the violence in Marseilles. Police and local authorities in Toulouse are hopeful there will not be trouble today, when up to 12,000 English fans will be in town.

"I am more upbeat about Toulouse," said Sir Brian Hayes, security advisor to the FA. "I understand that (the French authorities) have asked for extra police and extra stewards so I think there is a whole package of things there that ought to make it better."

Police also believe that the number of sentences handed out by the authorities in Marseilles have sent a clear message to other potential troublemakers. In Toulouse the mood has so far been good.



An England supporter enjoying a fresh drink yesterday at a camp ground near Toulouse, south-west France

Praise for the affable English

BY STEVE BOGGAN AND ANDREW BUNCOMBE

ENGLAND'S UNPOPULAR football fans earned backing from an unlikely quarter yesterday - the French media.

In spite of the rioting that took place in Marseilles last week, the people of Toulouse have given a warm welcome to genuine fans who have travelled not for trouble, but for football.

The highest praise for the real supporters came from *Le Depeche*, the leading regional newspaper.

Beneath a headline which read: "You could even see children smiling..." reporter Philippe Lauga wrote: "The English have arrived and, happily, the town has not been taken over by psychosis, even if a lot of people will be staying at home on Monday."

"Yesterday, you could bump into some very English English fans - civilised, affable and smiling, the kind of English who invented humour, football and stadiums without fences, who prefer claret to lager, are cool-headed not hot-headed and who, from Byron to Can-
tona, have always venerated poets."

"The hooligans do exist and disorder could break out at any moment. But, knowing that it is a matter of just a small minority of supporters, we can have confidence in the forces of law and order who have been working to prepare for any trouble for some time now."

"It is a weekend of risk, but there is no fear in the town. The people of Toulouse have realised that not all England fans are hooligans."

However, not everyone is quite so happy with the arrival of the English.

The threat of hooliganism has led local authorities to order all city centre restaurants and bars to shut at 11pm - two hours earlier than usual - with the threat of fines of up to £1,500 for every hour they stay open beyond the curfew.

Prostitutes, too, are unhappy. "The Japanese men that come here are all very gentle - mainly but the Englishmen have caused us much trouble," said Dominique, 40, one of several prostitutes who works the city's Boulevard de Strasbourg.

"The shutting of the bars is bad for business," she said.

"I have lost a lot of money this week and so have all the other girls."

"There has certainly been a lot less custom than normal," she added.

Love of the game unites the great Satan and the underdog

BY DARIUS SANAI
in Lyons

underdog pariah. The central Place Carnot was awash with the red, white and green of Iranian flags, caps and T-shirts, the air full of folksongs and chants. McDonald's and Quick Burger were buzzing with the Farsi conversational equivalent

of "ooh-ab-Mahdavika" belted out by the (considerable contingent) of Manchester United supporting Iranian fans

In Pizza Pino, a young Iranian couple with matching face-paint stopped a bunch of Americans for photo-shoot. They stood together, flag next to flag, a gendarmerie clicked, and history of a sort was made: after the snap they exchanged handshakes, hugs and agreements that the best team should win. It was, for many, something

of a catharsis, though through cultural perversion and travel, Iranians know Americans a lot better than many Americans know Iran.

"You come here from Iran?" a flag-bedecked North Carolinian inquired of me in the wash room of the Hippo Grill. No, London really, but I was born in Iran. "Well, ya speak really good English!" he said, grinning cheerily and shaking my hand.

Outside, three Iranian dudes with Raybans and slicked back hair were courting a group of giggling, all-American cheerleader types. "That one's really cute," they agreed. The football seemed irrelevant.

What had been billed as a great reconciliation, or a great confrontation (depending on who you believed), was certainly not the latter and perhaps for some people, it will be a new beginning.

Many of the Iranians,

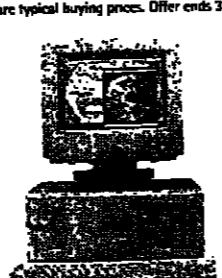
though, were more LA than Tehran: among the considerable contingent of female Iran supporters it was hard to spot a woman in Islamic hijab, the preferred uniform seeming to be DKNY T-shirts and Calvin Klein shorts.

In the end, it wasn't as battle of Islam against the great Satan, more a meeting of people who are more similar than some of their politicians would ever want them to believe.

Outside the stadium, a gaggle of horn-blowing, whistle-screaming Iran fans wearing tricolor hats marched down a narrow street towards a stars-and-stripes band playing the *Star Spangled Banner*.

Would there be a third Gulf War? No chance. The band and the whistles fired up again and the mixed crowd began singing "USA and Iran, USA and Iran, USA and Iran."

Iran reform setback, page 13



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IN BRIEF

Boy, 4, run over by father's four-wheel-drive vehicle

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD boy died yesterday when he was run over by a four-wheel-drive vehicle driven by his father, police said. The tragedy happened as Ken Earlie was reversing in the driveway of his home in Kirkcaldy, Fife, yesterday morning.

Mr Earlie's son Jack is believed to have ridden out behind the vehicle on his bicycle and been caught under the wheels.

North Sea search called off

COASTGUARDS YESTERDAY called off their search for a 62-year-old diver who disappeared while exploring a wreck in the North Sea. Robert Forster, of Corby, Northants, had about two-and-a-half hours' worth of air left when he vanished off Cromer, Norfolk, at 3.30pm on Saturday. A massive search involving divers, lifeboats and helicopters failed to find any trace of Mr Forster.

Second tribute to Linda McCartney

SIR PAUL McCartney will lead a second memorial service to his late wife Linda today in New York so that friends and relatives from her native US can pay their final respects. A similar service earlier this month saw hundreds gather at a central London church, an event which became a focus for the eyes of the world.

Care home abuse report

AN INQUIRY set up to investigate the systematic abuse of mentally disabled people at two care homes is due to publish its report this week. The investigation looked into the running of the homes at Stoke Poges, Bucks, where police found evidence of mental, physical and sexual abuse.

Seven share £8.2m lottery jackpot

Seven ticket holders share the £8.2m jackpot from Saturday's National Lottery draw. The winning numbers were 14, 38, 27, 31, 47, 1 and the bonus was 32.

Correction

On page 12 of *The Independent* on Saturday 20 June, it was incorrectly reported that Rolls-Royce plc, manufacturers of aero-engines had been taken over by Volkswagen. The company in question is Rolls-Royce Motor Cars.

Yachtsmen rescued from makeshift raft

THREE MEN were dramatically rescued early yesterday as the makeshift raft they had lashed together when their racing catamaran broke up in heavy seas off the Bristol Channel was about to fall apart.

An RAF rescue helicopter arrived as the three crew-members from the yacht, who had already spent six hours in freezing waters off the north Somerset coast, had concluded they had only a slim chance of surviving.

They triggered an emergency beacon which broadcast a satellite signal and fired flares in attempts to alert passing craft or shore watchers.

In the ensuing hours they alternatively stood, sat or hung on to the makeshift raft. It was completely dark when they heard the rescue helicopter overhead and fired their last major flare.

Mr Christopoulos said: "The raft was going down fast and I think we had no more than an hour left. I did not think we would make it through the night. We decided our chances were slim."

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• Passport for pets gets ambassador's backing



Pavel Seifert celebrating the 'liberty and joy' of the release from quarantine of his 11-year-old schnauzer, Cutty

THE DAPPER Pavel Seifert, 60-year-old ambassador of the Czech republic to the Court of St James's, is used to achieving the impossible. For many years before the the velvet revolution of 1989, he worked as a window cleaner in Prague.

He had been sacked as a university lecturer after the Soviet invasion of 1968 for refusing to tell lies. Twenty years later, he was still cleaning windows - even as he gave interviews to foreign journalists during the peaceful rebellion that ended one-party rule.

It remains to be seen whether Mr Seifert will be equally successful in his discreet attempts to expose what he sees as the ludicrousness of British quarantine laws.

Dozens of dogs - wolfhounds, greyhounds, basenji hounds, Jack Russells, golden retrievers, you-name-it - gathered on the manicured lawns of the ambassador's Hampstead residence yesterday, to celebrate the 'liberty and joy' of the release from six months' quarantine of the ambassador's 11-year-old

BY STEVE CRAWSHAW

the welcome-home party. Cutty duly won the Miss Jailer prize for the dog that had best survived six months' quarantine. In a nostalgic reference to the politics of yesterday, another prize was for the dog that was 'best able to find the hidden microphone, otherwise known as bug'.

Chris Patten, former governor of Hong Kong and the most vocal critic of the quarantine laws in this country, was unable to be present but sent a message of solidarity. Mr Patten has repeatedly emphasised the 'painful and expensive farce' which means that his two Norfolk terriers, Whisky and Soda, are still living in France in order not to spend time in quarantine.

Campaigners say there has been no case of rabies in a quarantined dog for 27 years. The ambassador said that he hoped to invite Mr Patten for a special dogs' welcome party if his two terriers are finally allowed into the UK, after a change in the law. 'We will hold a reception - and serve whisky and soda, naturally,' he said.

• Teachers threaten 'Action Zones'

UNION LEADERS last night issued an 11th-hour threat to derail central elements of the Government's flagship Education Action Zone initiative.

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers said it would take immediate action if zones tried to introduce evening and weekend working or attempted to reform the school year.

Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary, said: 'We will watch them like hawks. Our members just have to come to us and we will give them full support.'

The union's intervention threatens to halt some of the most radical proposals expected to be pioneered in the first 12 action zones, to be announced tomorrow.

Schools and local authorities which are bidding to form the first zones hope to introduce daily evening classes for pupils and their parents and Saturday schools.

Some bidders, such as the London Borough of Newham, want to replace the traditional three-term year with five terms and cut the six-week summer holiday enjoyed by generations of children and their teachers. Others propose a four-term year.

David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education, has made it clear the zones will be a test bed for future reforms, and has urged them to develop 'innovative' proposals. A further 13 zones will open in January and more are planned in the future.

But Mr de Gruchy, who represents 172,000 serving teachers, said changes to working practices would provoke immediate demands for industrial action. 'They will be fire.'

BY BEN RUSSELL
Education Correspondent

outraged and there will be demands for action,' he said.

'The situation is tinder dry and it just needs a spark to set the whole thing off. The Government has no idea how cheeved off teachers are.'

Each zone will consist of about 20 schools under a special board of governors charged with thinking the unthinkable to raise standards. Each £1m-a-year project will be able to tear up the national curriculum and teachers' pay and conditions agreements to raise standards and test radical reforms.

Plans for the zones were greeted with scorn by delegates at all three teacher union conferences this Easter, although the NASUWT leadership has been by far the most vociferous in its condemnation.

Graham Lane, education chairman of the Local Government Association, said teachers had nothing to fear from change, arguing reform could improve the lot of staff. He said: 'If you are going to ask people to come in on Saturday mornings you have to ask for volunteers. We have had no problem recruiting Saturday teachers.'

But Mr de Gruchy, who led this year's successful industrial action to force a reduction in teachers' workloads, said teachers could not be bought off with promises of extra pay.

He said: 'It would require billions and billions of pounds to get them remotely interested and I don't think the country can afford it. The Government is playing with fire.'

Broody men get job bias warning

BY BARRIE CLEMENT
Labour Editor

AS FAMILIES celebrated Father's Day yesterday, prospective fathers were warned they could face the same prejudice as female job applicants suspected of being 'broody'.

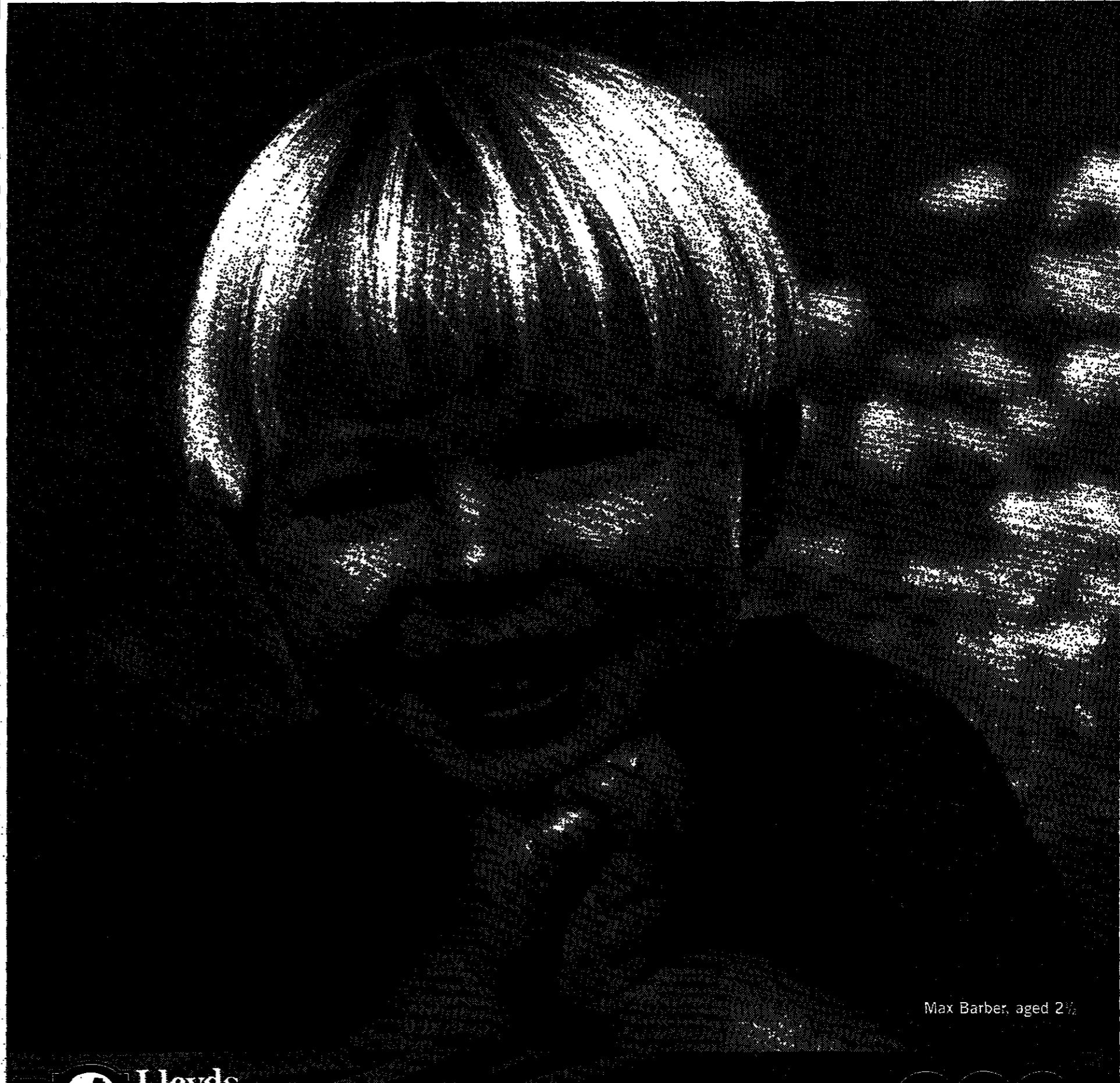
New laws to protect the rights of fathers in the workplace could mean that employers will be deterred from taking on a man who they believe is contemplating the joys of fatherhood, say lawyers.

Anne-Marie Thompson, an employment legislation specialist at law firm Eversheds, is warning employers they could face litigation for discriminating against fathers-to-be when the European Union's parental leave directive is translated into British law.

'We applaud the fact that parents' rights are being

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Doctors hit out over heart scandal

THE DEPARTMENT of Health and the Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) must take a share of the blame for the Bristol children's heart operations scandal, angry consultants said yesterday.

Six senior consultants at the Bristol Royal Infirmary (BRI) signed a statement hitting back at the "indiscriminate blame" levelled at the hospital's doctors over their alleged failure to act.

They were backed by the Bristol Heart Children Action Group, which said there had been a "complete and corporate failure for some considerable length of time".

In yesterday's statement, the consultants said that while the RCS, the Department of Health and senior NHS local managers blamed "doctors in Bristol" for failing to halt the sequence of events, these agencies had failed just as miserably.

"It is not just a failure in regulation at Bristol," said Alan Bryan, cardiac surgeon and one of the six consultants to speak out. "It is a failure of all these people and they need to take responsibility."

The consultants' statement seems to explicitly state the various points we have raised with (Health Secretary) Mr Dobson in our detailed discussions," added Malcolm Curnow, spokesman for the Bristol Heart Children Action Group.

"There are a large number of people within and outside the medical profession who feel that the Royal College of Surgeons, the management and the Department of Health have all been instrumental in this corporate failure," he added.

A spokesman for the Department of Health said yesterday: "They are allegations that will be investigated. The Secretary of State has made it clear there is going to be a public inquiry. We have said we need to learn lessons and we must listen to the concerns of parents."

Avon and Somerset Police has said it is closely studying the findings of the GMC inquiry with the Crown Prosecution Service.

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BY GLENDA COOPER

other cardiac surgical centres and senior NHS management at local level.

"We didn't do enough but neither did these others," Mr Bryan argued. "A number of doctors went through the official channels but nothing was done until Dr Steve Balsin put his neck on the line."

Mr Bryan pointed out that doctors risked further retribution by giving evidence for the prosecution at the London disciplinary inquiry.

The doctors who signed the statement are Professor Gianni Angelini, the British Heart Foundation Professor of Cardiac Surgery; Andy Black, senior lecturer in anaesthesia; Alan Bryan, cardiac surgeon; Ian Davies, anaesthetist; Peter Wilde, radiologist; and Sheila Willat, anaesthetist in intensive care.

They added that they supported the public inquiry and hoped that thought would be given to how doctors could raise fears through official channels in future.

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Gill Bennett, the Foreign Office's chief historian, is travelling to Moscow to discover who was behind a letter mentioning Soviet 'sympathisers' within the Labour Party in 1924. *Nicola Kuitz*

Russia allows access to files on letter that helped bring down Government

BY LOUISE JURY

RUSSIA IS to open its archives to the British government historian charged with investigating the Zinoviev letter, one of the murkiest episodes in British political history.

Gill Bennett, the Foreign Office's chief historian, is to spend a week in Moscow next month delving into files which could shed significant light on the 74-year-old document, which linked the Soviet leadership with the Labour party.

The row which ensued when the letter became public was partly blamed for causing the landslide election defeat of Labour's first prime minister, Ramsay MacDonald, in 1924.

KGB documents declassified in Russia in January reportedly proved the letter was a forgery commissioned by British intelligence.

A month later, Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, authorised Ms Bennett to trawl through British secret service files to try to solve the mystery. But she realised that without access to the Russian files, the inquiry would be incomplete.

Yuri Fokine, the Russian ambassador in London and a former aide to the Soviet foreign minister Andrei Gromyko, has been instrumental in persuading Russian officials to grant access.

Ms Bennett said yesterday:

"My researches are primarily based on the records of the intelligence agencies. But in order to get as full a picture as possible and produce an authoritative picture as possible, I'm going to see what the Russians have got in their archives."

Yuri Fokine had been "very helpful" in suggesting places



Grigori Zinoviev, left, and Ramsay MacDonald

which might provide useful leads, she said. "These days the Russians are much more open

with their archives, so I am hoping to see a range of different ones including those of the for-

mer Russian intelligence services."

She will be assisted by Tony Bishop, the Foreign Office's principal Russian interpreter for 36 years until his retirement earlier this year.

The letter, purportedly by Grigori Zinoviev, a leading Bolshevik, was leaked to the Daily Mail in 1924 under the heading "Civil War Plot By Soviets' Masters, Moscow Orders To Our Reds."

It asked the British Com-

munist Party to "mobilise" what it called "sympathetic" contacts inside the Labour party.

The newly-opened KGB files reportedly show that MI6 com-missioned the letter from an agent in Riga, Latvia, to prevent MacDonald winning a second term in office.

Experts differ in whether they believe the letter was a

forgery or not. Ms Bennett, who was made an OBE in the recent honours for her work as official historian, said she personally believed the truth may never be known for certain.

But she said: "Who wrote it is much less interesting than the point about what use was made of it when it got here."

"How was it released to the press here and why did it cause such an uproar?"

She hopes to deliver her final memorandum on the letter by the end of the summer.

"What I can say with absolute confidence is the memorandum will include a lot of new material never before seen."

The surviving British files on the matter had been closed to all but members of the intelligence services until Robin Cook ordered the new inquiry by Ms Bennett earlier this year.

Watchdog calls last orders on alcopop game

BY GLENDA COOPER
Social Affairs Correspondent

same game were linked to excessive drinking. They said this made the link irresponsible, encouraging "immoderate consumption and binge drinking".

The maker, Cott Europe, agreed to scrap the packaging.

"There's quite a lot of evidence linking drinking games with immoderate consumption and the panel felt using a game on an alcoholic drink label was making an unfortunate link between the product and drinking games generally," said a spokeswoman for the Portman Group.

In the cases of Dr Thirsty's Orange Punch, Fruit Concorde Banana Split and Sorbet the Portman Group said that the nature of the drinks was unclear because the use of the word "alcohol" or "alcoholic" was not sufficiently prominent.

Although in this instance the loser only had to buy the next round of drinks, adjudicators said other versions of the game

Anger at 'treatment by postcode' for infertility

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
Health Editor

William Ledger, clinical director of the in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) unit at the Oxford Radcliffe Hospital, said: "One in six couples will experience difficulty in their attempts to conceive. Sadly, there are few signs that NHS provision to help them with their problems is improving."

"Thousands of people continue to be denied a chance to have a family which is clearly a cause of psychological distress."

The survey of specialists, the first of its kind, found that one in three admitted to becoming emotionally involved in the outcome for a couple having treatment and two out of three said they felt frustrated when they were prevented from helping couples because of the lack of funding. One in five said they felt a sense of failure when parents were unsuccessful in having a baby.

Mr Ledger said: "When you are faced with a couple and you know you have something up your sleeve that could help them and then you have to deliver this whammy that it is going to cost them £1,500, it is very distressing. Many couples do not realise that treatment is not available on the NHS."

NHS treatment is more widely available in the north with little provided south of a line from Birmingham to the Wash.

Mr Ledger said: "The NHS has traditionally put more money into the NHS in the north because levels of deprivation are higher. But the burden of infertility is pretty equal north and south. The problem is that patients are that there are 125 health authorities and each has drawn up its own criteria for treatment."

More than half the patients surveyed said they had become depressed and one in 20 felt suicidal as a result of the financial and emotional pressures they were under. On average couples spent over five

years trying for a child and many felt their relationship with their partner had suffered as a result. Some had separated or divorced.

The findings also showed that "rationing by postcode" remains the norm for infertility treatment. One couple said: "Doctors in Bath have gone as far as they can to help us. If we lived next door in Avon we could have IVF but as it is we can't. How can this be called a national health service?"

One in 14 couples in the survey had been trying to conceive for more than 10 years. More than 70 per cent were in their 30s.

Investigation and treatment had led to 27 per cent being successful, with 26 per cent taking between three and five years to conceive, and 29 per cent between six and 10 years.

One in three surveyed said that infertility had strained their relationship with their partner. Only 28 per cent found that the shared experience had improved their relationship.

AN ALCOPOP maker has been ordered to drop instructions for a pub game from bottle labels, under the code which regulates the marketing of alcohol.

Three other alcopop makers have also been ordered to change their bottle labels because the independent panel which investigates complaints felt they did not make it clear exactly how much alcohol was in the drinks.

The Portman Group, which monitors the marketing of the controversial fizzy alcoholic drinks, backed complaints that promoting the game Spoot could encourage binge drinking.

Instructions on the back of bottles of the alcoholic grapefruit drink - also called Spoot - encouraged groups of drinkers to pick an "odd person out" by trying to guess how many coins people were holding in their hands.

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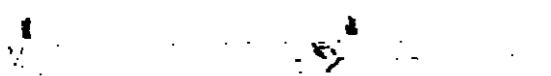
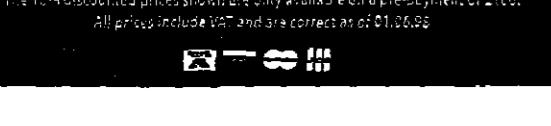
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'Good government demands sound opposition in order to scrutinise its behaviour and prevent it succumbing to the slab of arrogance'

— THE MONDAY REVIEW, PAGE 3



Frogmen join hunt for missing girl, 13

FROGMEN, AIRCRAFT and mountain rescue teams yesterday joined the desperate search for a 13-year-old girl missing three days after she set out on a short walk to school.

The huge police operation, including 100 specialist officers, was coming difficult terrain for any sign of her.

Claire Hart left home at 8.25am on Thursday for the two-mile walk to Dane Valley School along part of the A536

BY CHRIS HAMILTON

main road into Congleton, Cheshire, taking a short cut. The teenager was last seen in a field at 8.40am, chatting to a youth in combat gear with a shotgun slung over his shoulder.

Yesterday Claire's black Marks & Spencer coat with a fur collar was found near to where she was last seen.

Police said her chances were now "not looking good", al-

though her parents were still hoping she would be found safe and well.

Superintendent Derek Barnett said both parents were "distraught" and her mother had visited the officers co-ordinating the search from the school.

He said his concerns were growing: "But, nevertheless, our officers are fully committed and are doing everything they can to find Claire."

A youth is being questioned by police in Congleton after magistrates granted a 36-hour extension to his custody from 8pm yesterday.

Sgt Chris Jones, of the Cheshire Police operational support unit, is leading the search from a base set up in the grounds of Claire's school.

The river Dane has been a focus of the search, but with its steep banks 50 local mountain rescue volunteers have been

drafted in because of their expertise with ropes.

Another 50 specially trained police officers have been involved, including aircrew, frogmen and canoeists who are extending the search up to six miles downstream for more clues.

Residents in Eaton, Cheshire, described Claire Hart as a happy, lively girl who could be a little naive and trusting but took a full part in village life.

Near neighbour and Eaton parish councillor Roy Walther said Claire was "a lovely, cheerful" girl. "She and her sister were adopted and arrived around four years ago. She has a good home there."

"We used to see her going to school, she always gave a shout and a wave and always made a fuss of our dog."

"She shows no fear and accepts people for what they are, she's not afraid of speak-

ing to anybody. She's a rather naive, trusting girl."

He said the village was "in shock". "Another neighbour said she had only moved in recently, but Claire and her sister, Michelle, 10, had made a good home there."

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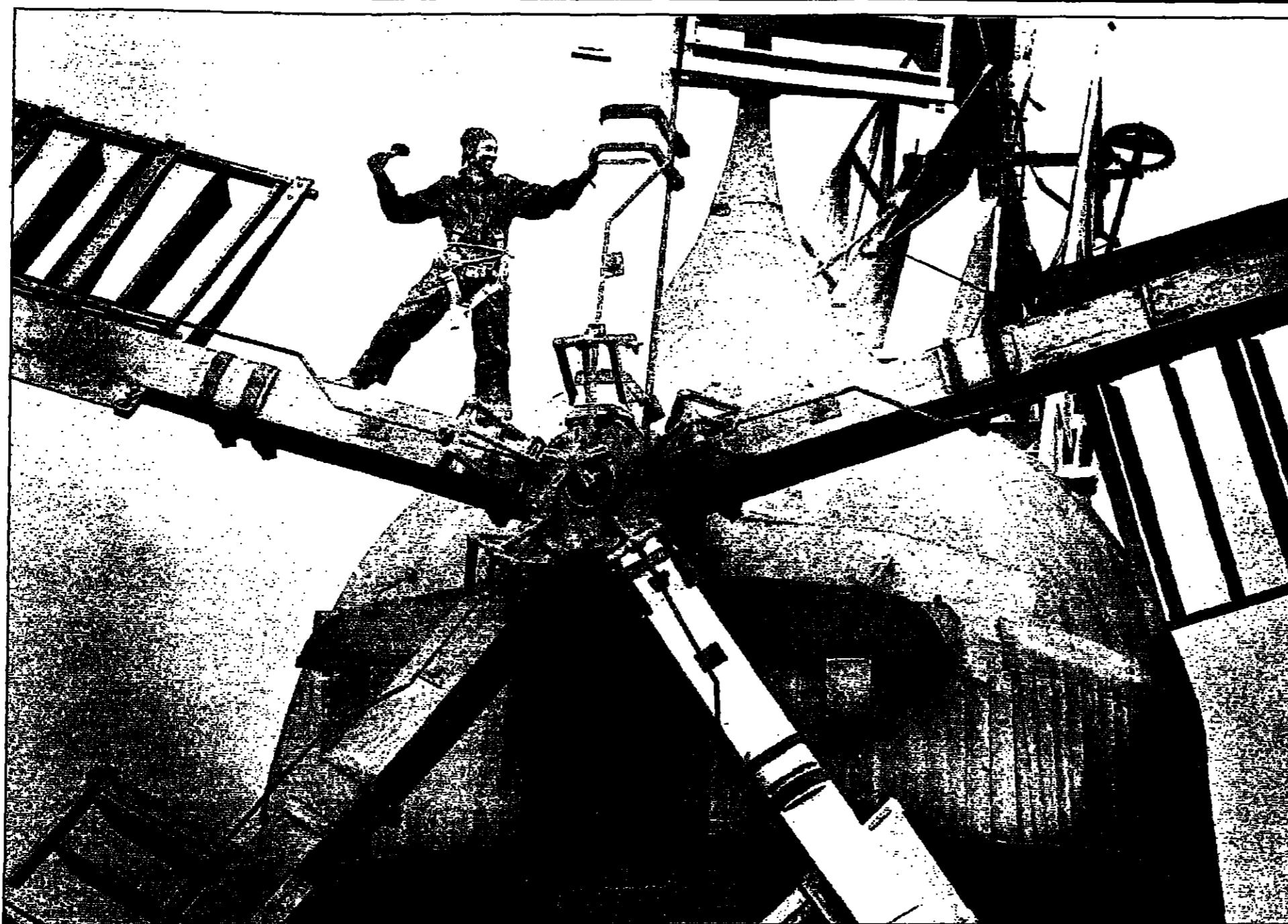
"They were the sort of children it was a delight to have around."

The village of Eaton has about 275 inhabitants, mainly

commuters, who have known little crime aside from an horrific incident that made headlines three years ago.

On the day before Christmas Eve 1994, former school dinner lady Tracey Mertens, 31, from Birmingham, was found dumped on the village's church steps suffering from severe burns.

She died in hospital soon afterwards. No one has been tried for her death.



Millwright Neil Medcalf securing a new sail at the weekend to the 179-year-old Maud Foster Mill in Boston, Lincolnshire, to replace one lost in storms last March. At Steve Hill

£387,000 works on air chief's home that was up for sale

REFURBISHMENT WORK on a former air chief marshall's home which cost £387,000 should never have been started, according to an inquiry report into the débâcle which cost Sir Sandy Wilson his job.

The report, which was repressed by the Ministry of Defence but published this weekend on the orders of the Parliamentary Ombudsman, spells out a catalogue of irregularities over the Haynes Garth residence near Cheltenham.

The renovation made headlines after it was revealed that £33,000 had been spent on curtains and on overhauling the windows at the property. Now it has emerged that the air force had been recommended

BY FRAN ABRAMS
Westminster Correspondent

to sell the house before the work even began. It was finally sold last year for around £450,000, only £60,000 more than the cost of the improvements.

A study on the house had found that it would be more cost effective to sell it and lease a nearby property for Sir Sandy, then commander of Personnel and Training Command at RAF Farnborough. It found it would cost £182,000 to do up the property less than half the final cost – and that was too much, it said. Sir Sandy took early retirement in the wake of the scandal.

The inquiry report, by the accountants KPMG Peat Marwick, has only now been

published after a complaint on freedom of information grounds by a member of the public was upheld.

It said there was a limit of £31,000 for new work on service residences, and the Treasury should have been consulted before the alterations went ahead. It also added that Parliament had been misled twice about the cost of the work.

No record was kept of when the decision to refurbish the house was taken or by whom, nor of who authorised the decision to upgrade it. Originally, the improvements were to have cost £230,000, though one minute recorded the estimated cost as £164,000. Once work was under way, according to KPMG, "questions about total costs

appear not to have been asked".

In February and March 1994 parliamentary questions answered by Jeremy Hanley, then defence minister, put the cost of the work at £250,000 and then £260,000. In fact by then it had risen to £347,000.

Nigel Jones, Liberal Democrat MP for Cheltenham, was one of those who questioned ministers about the affair.

"Effectively these residences are for visiting dignitaries, perhaps from other military organisations elsewhere in the world. We should concentrate on making sure our armed forces are properly equipped and trained, and should do away with some of the entertainment," he said.

Course to offer Diana 'therapy'

BY TONY HEATH

is an appropriate time to ask why this is so," Mr Roose-Evans said. One of the activists planned for the weekend is the construction of montages of newspaper and magazine photographs of Diana.

The event to be held at the Barn Centre, is limited to 50 places, and the fee is £50. The organisers claim that a queue is already building up, thanks in part to an advertisement on the Internet.

"The people coming are in professions that still have to deal with those who continue to grieve for the princess," Mr Roose-Evans said last week.

It would, he said, help to settle arguments about the princess's death and more importantly, he claims, assist those who continue to grieve to come to terms with the tragedy. "Potentially it will be a very rich, rewarding and useful weekend. Diana has become a phenomenon and it

Green attack for quarry support

BY DIANA BLAMIRE

THE GOVERNMENT is backing a campaign to promote the minerals extraction industry, despite serious damage to the countryside from quarrying, green lobby groups have claimed.

Environmentalists say the Government has spent £72,000 on promoting the industry at the expense of the landscape. They claim that the cash should be spent on research into ways to avoid digging up the countryside instead.

Organisations backing the protest include Friends of the Earth, the Council for the Protection of Rural England and the Marine Conservation Society.

At the beginning of Minerals '98 Week, the environmental groups claimed the demand for low-grade building material had increased over the last 40 years and that quarrying had meant countryside and coastal areas had been squandered.

A Government spokesman defended the cash payments. He said: "The Department of

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Religious peers mobilise against lowering age of consent

THE GOVERNMENT was facing a possible battle with the House of Lords last night over plans to lower the homosexual age of consent to 16.

A massive majority in favour of equal rights for gays aged 16 and 17 was expected tonight as the Crime and Disorder Bill reaches its final stages in the House of Commons.

But with Bishops and other Christian peers planning to try to overturn the move in the upper house, a protracted fight over the measure

HOMOSEXUAL RIGHTS

BY FRAN ABRAMS
Westminster Correspondent

seemed possible. While supporters of the measure argued that peers would be forced into line by a majority of two thirds or more in the House of Commons on the measure, the religious lobby was mobilising support for its case against.

Because the Bill started its life in

the House of Lords, it must return there before it becomes law.

Baroness Young, a former Conservative Leader of the House of Lords and leader of a recent revolt on the Human Rights Bill, said she would oppose the measure.

"There are a great many people from all parts of the House who would be very unhappy about lowering the age. I personally think it is a paedophiles' charter," she said.

It emerged yesterday that the

Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, had lobbied the Prime Minister against the reform. Mr Blair supports an equal age of consent at 16 for both gays and heterosexuals and has promised to vote in favour.

Dr Carey backed a statement from Anglican bishops which warned that changing the law would send "wrong messages" about the way young people should behave.

Leaders of both Church and State

should protect the young from both harm and exploitation and "offer them a vision of what is good," the statement said.

"Pressures are at work to legitimise any and every lifestyle irrespective of any difference of value and quality between them. These pressures should be resisted."

A spokesman for the Archbishop of Canterbury said he might speak on the subject in the House of Lords. Although gay rights campaigners

were delighted by the level of support they had received for an age of consent at 16, further measures to be proposed by a Liberal Democrat MP looked less likely to succeed.

Amendments to be put tomorrow by Dr Evan Harris, the member for Oxford West and Abingdon, would amend the law which prevents gay sex taking place where more than two people are present. They would also ensure that the sex offenders register was amended so that

teenagers convicted in the past of having sex between 16 and 18 were not prevented from working with children.

A further move by the Labour MP for Bassettaw, Joe Ashton, may also be opposed by the Government. Mr Ashton wants the age of consent to be 18 for both gays and heterosexuals where one party is in a position of trust.

But ministers want to wait for the results of an ongoing review.

Trimble looks to Paisley defeat

POLITICIANS today enter their final week of campaigning for Thursday's vital elections to the new Belfast assembly - the centrepiece of Northern Ireland's new constitutional arrangements.

The assembly will need a strong majority in favour of the Good Friday agreement to fend off challenges from the strong section of Unionism opposed to accord.

The British and Irish governments, nationalists and republicans are all hoping David Trimble's Ulster Unionist party scores a decisive victory over the Rev Ian Paisley and other Protestant dissenters.

The issue most debated within Unionism during a low-key campaign is whether Mr Trimble and Tony Blair can be trusted to deliver a new deal with real prospects for peace without endangering the union with Britain. Mr Paisley has been arguing trenchantly that neither the Ulster Unionist leader nor the prime minister can be trusted to deliver peace or to safeguard Unionism.

The 106 members of the new assembly will be elected by proportional representation, with six coming from each of Northern Ireland's 18 Westminster constituencies. Each will initially be paid £29,000, and office costs of £15,000, but this will quickly rise as powers are devolved to the assembly. Its first meeting is expected in the week beginning June 29.

Nationalist attention will focus on the performances of Sinn Fein and the SDLP. Sinn Fein's vote has risen from an

ULSTER ASSEMBLY

BY DAVID MCKITTRICK
Ireland correspondent

average of 11 per cent in the late 1980s to last year's Westminster total of 16.9 per cent, its best ever result. The rise has primarily been due to the party's success in wooing new voters and former non-voters. But it has also been due partly to a switch of some voters to Sinn Fein from the SDLP.

One theory is that the switch was partly due to SDLP supporters voting tactically to encourage the peace process. This election will show whether or not they will now revert to the SDLP.

Early assembly meetings may produce some political fireworks - they will bring Mr Paisley and Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams into prolonged contact for the first time. Members will elect a first minister and deputy first minister. These are thought most likely to be Mr Trimble and either SDLP leader John Hume or his deputy, Seamus Mallon.

At a later stage, the assembly will select a shadow executive committee. Attention will centre on the question of Sinn Fein, which claims guaranteed inclusion under the terms of the Good Friday agreement - the party's leaders have taken to saying they are "ready for government".

But Mr Trimble will press hard for IRA arms decommissioning or other moves from republicans before allowing Sinn Fein on to the executive.



Gerry Kelly, the former IRA prisoner who is now a Sinn Fein candidate, canvassing for an Assembly place

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Questions
Remaining stages of the Crime and Disorder Bill
Adjournment debate tabled by David Amess (Con, Southend West) on Essex fishing and the cockle industry

TOMORROW

Scottish Questions
Lord Chancellor's Department Questions
Remaining stages of the Crime and Disorder Bill
Adjournment debate tabled by Richard Burden (Lab, Birmingham Northfield) on operation of international law in Israeli-occupied territories

WEDNESDAY

Adjournment debates:
Crime in London (Keith Darvill, Lab, Upminster)
Vitamin B6 (Keith Simpson, Con, Mid Norfolk)
Rotherham and Mexborough travel-to-work area (John Healey, Lab, Wentworth)
Parachute Regiment (Gerald Howarth, Con, Aldershot)
Care and respite facilities for people with learning disabilities (Eric Illsley, Lab, Barnsley Central)
Welsh Questions

Ten Minute Rule Bill: Sale of Alcohol to Young Persons (Prohibition) Bill (Paul Truswell, Lab, Pudsey)
Questions to the Prime Minister
Committee Stage of the Human Rights Bill
Adjournment debate on coastal erosion tabled by Adrian Sanders (Lab Dem, Torbay)

THURSDAY

Treasury Questions
Liberal Democrat debate on motion seeking extra debating time for the backbench Energy Efficiency Bill and Private Hire Vehicles (London) Bill
SNP motion on government strategy on social welfare
Adjournment debate on environmental protection for the Forest of Dean tabled by Diana Organ (Lab, Forest of Dean)

FRIDAY

The House of Commons will not sit.
MPs have a constituency day.

Labour councils 'out of touch' with voters

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Labour must take action to tackle waning support and local government scandals in its traditional heartlands, a Government minister warned yesterday.

Trade minister Ian McCartney, who plotted the minimum wage legislation through the Commons, said some Labour councils were "very badly run" and dominated by "cliques" with little engagement with the public.

Labour councillors and politicians have been engulfed in a string of financial scandals in northern England and Scotland.

Several "Old Labour" councils in the north of England lost ground in the local government elections in May. Labour stronghold Liverpool fell to the Liberal Democrats.

comparison of alternative options is needed, it says; tollpayers' interests were insufficiently protected; and the financial terms of the deal were not fully satisfactory.

Barred Labour radicals rebel

DISGRUNTLED members of the Scottish Labour Party are to appeal against "systematic discrimination" in selection procedures for Scottish parliamentary candidates. The group is also considering legal action.

Ian Davidson (Glasgow Pollok), one of those rejected, said attempts to pass over radical candidates would damage the party and the parliament.

about it. I'm going to be responding to that."

Mr McCartney said: "There's something fundamentally wrong when you get turnouts of 16 per cent, 11 per cent, 12 per cent. And you have to do something about it, and one of the main reasons is that the party's disengaged on a regular basis with the community it's been elected to serve."

Several problems had been identified in the local party machines of traditionally loyal Labour areas, he told BBC1's *On The Record*.

"These areas just don't seem to attract members or enough new members," he said.

"The party's usually controlled by a small clique, and in local authority terms they have very poor relationships with the community which they serve."

Blair joins Dome celebrations

TONY BLAIR attends the topping-out ceremony for the Millennium Dome today.

He will join site workers to mark the completion of the structure within a year of the start of building work. The finishing touches will be made to the roof today.

The dome is claimed to be the largest covered structure in the world. It encompasses 20 acres and has a circumference of one kilometre.

Sponsorship deals for the Dome had now gone beyond £100m, a Millennium Central spokesman said. The target is £150m.

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Pagans of all descriptions, from nature-loving druids to S&M devotees of Madonna, were allowed into Stonehenge for the first time in 10 years to witness the summer solstice

Andrew Buurman

Rollo, the stones and a new dawn for druids

AFTER A nine-year banishment, Britain's druid representatives gathered in Stonehenge at dawn yesterday to mark the summer solstice. It quickly became a case of four horsedids, a wedding and a funeral. Plus a pagan sect or two.

During a decade out in the cold, embittered factions have developed and some of these schisms were evident on Sunday morning. So, as light grew, the scene at Stonehenge was more about competing for attention than unity or healing.

While, for example, the Glastonbury order was happy to join hands in a circle to chant their way through the solstice ritual or *gorsedd*, a splinter group opted instead for the horseshoe formation, while others took up a horizontal "free-kick wall" stance and faced the rising sun.

As 5am approached, amid banging gongs and yelps of joy, the rival ceremonies drew to a climax and the worshippers watched a weak beam of morning light push its way through the clouds.

There were unexpected whoops of praise for English Heritage too, led by Rollo Maughling, the Archdruid of the Glastonbury Order. He applauded their decision to allow a chosen few back into the ancient site. For a moment at least, it seemed the violent disturbances of the mid-1980s and the contentious four-mile exclusion zone around Stonehenge were forgotten.

There was less charity, however, afforded to other druids. "I suppose you have all already heard of Rollo," complained one member of the horseshoe tendency. "He loves the sound

BY VANESSA THORP

of his own voice and never lets anyone join in."

When loud entreaties to "feel the ecstasy of life" came from the horseshoe, Rollo soon upped the dramatic ante in his circle by supervising both the marriage of his followers Mick and Jane, and the scattering of the ashes of a former druid, John Pendragon.

"Shameless opportunism, I call it," said one druid, as the happy couple leapt arm in arm over a bucket of flowers. But the morning was not all about druids. White witches and sundry other pagan sects were also represented. Among the most striking were the members of the Temple of Lilith, who are dedicated, as they put it, to the "darker side".

"Winter is really more our thing," sneered John Ruce, who wore a sharp suit and a Mohican haircut. "But we thought we would come along." "Our faith is about actualising the feminine," he explained. "We are interested in sex mainly, sado-masochistic sex."

His co-worshipper, Rhianon Rozier, dressed in a plumping velvet tailcoat and nothing else could only agree. "It's the Madonna principle we believe in – that's the singer Madonna, I mean," she added.

Moments of compelling action were few and far between, but honourable mentions should include the woman who suddenly shrieked, "I have the chalice of Albion!" for no apparent reason and the druid who answered the cry "Let us have the courage to become ancestors ourselves!" with the observation that he had already had a vasectomy.

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New tapes put Monica back in the spotlight

BY MARY DEJEVSKY
in Washington

Ms Lewinsky appeared to claim having an 18-month affair with Mr Clinton while she was a White House trainee.

The contents of the tapes prompted Mr Starr to open an investigation to establish

encouraging her to think of herself as the President's "girlfriend" and use their relationship to obtain a job in New York.

Ms Ackerman notes that Ms Lewinsky's attempts to persuade Mr Clinton to find her a job date from well before January. According to witnesses, Mr Starr has tried to prove a link between Ms Lewinsky's job hunting and her summons to give evidence in the sexual harassment suit brought against Mr Clinton by Paula Jones. If it can be proved that the job search began earlier, the charge that her silence was being bought comes hard to sustain.

In yesterday's other disclosure, the Washington Post reported that Ms Lewinsky was prepared to admit to a sexual relationship with Mr Clinton in return for being granted immunity from prosecution.

The most striking disclosure came in the weekly magazine, *US News & World Report*, which has so far left the running in the Lewinsky scandal to *Newsweek*, the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*. The magazine quotes from tapes made by Ms Lewinsky's erstwhile confidante, Linda Tripp, to show Ms Lewinsky, a former White House trainee, as naive and immature, with a probably unrequited crush on President Clinton.

The reporter - Elise Ackerman - says: "The Lewinsky in these tapes is insecure, apologetic, vulnerable, whiny and immature". She is said to come across as "a desperate romantic, teetering on the edge of an emotional collapse, obsessively focused on the unobtainable".

Ms Ackerman quotes Ms Lewinsky as saying: "The first time I looked in his eyes, I saw something I didn't expect to see." By mid-October, she says, Ms Lewinsky was telling Ms Tripp: "I want to kick him in the balls so that they turn into two balls of pancake".

Ms Ackerman's account is based on two hours of recordings. Altogether, there are known to be more than 20 hours of tape recordings, all made by Ms Tripp between October 1997 and January 1998, and now in the possession of the independent prosecutor, Kenneth Starr.

The Monica Lewinsky scandal broke last January after *Newsweek* obtained transcripts of some of the tapes, in which



Lewinsky: ready to tell all

whether there was sufficient evidence to bring criminal charges against Ms Lewinsky and the President for perjury. Both had denied under oath that they had had an affair. There was also the question of whether Mr Clinton put pressure on Ms Lewinsky to commit perjury.

Ms Ackerman argues that the sections of the tapes made public before were pre-selected by a New York publisher friend of Ms Tripp's, with a view to causing maximum damage to Mr Clinton. The tapes she has heard, she says, give a different impression.

She says Ms Tripp seems "at times egging Lewinsky on to produce graphic recollections",



Police make arrests during a blockade of the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road by Israelis protesting against the greater Jerusalem plan Shaul Schwartz/Reuters

Israel extends Jerusalem in defiance of Washington

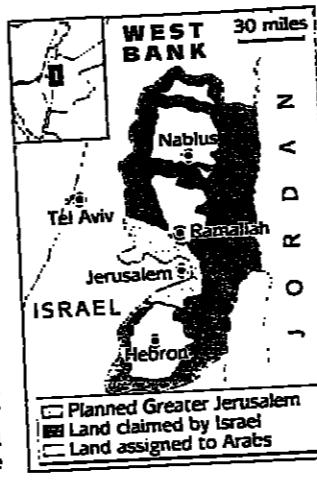
BY PATRICK COCKBURN
in Jerusalem

THE ISRAELI cabinet yesterday adopted a plan to extend the boundaries of Jerusalem, rebuffing criticism from Washington and the Palestinians.

In the areas to be annexed, homes will be built to house another million people. This will marginalise the 170,000 Palestinians in the city, which has a total population of 600,000.

James Rubin, spokesman for the United States State Department, said earlier that the US found it "extremely hard to understand why Israel would even consider taking such a provocative step at this sensitive time in the negotiations".

Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, has said that Israel has no intention of formally annexing the areas of the West Bank surrounding Jerusalem. However, part of the new plan is to create an "un-



ration of war on the Palestinian presence in Jerusalem. I believe this is a racist religious decision by Mr Netanyahu - racist because his plan is to upset natural demographic development to Judaise Jerusalem."

Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, is reported by the Israeli press to have telephoned the Israeli Prime Minister after the plan was announced on Friday to say the administration was highly displeased. Mr Netanyahu responded that the only change would be in expanding the boundaries of Jerusalem westwards into Israel.

Under the plan, a further 140,000 housing units would be built west of Jerusalem over the next 20 years, while an organisation in charge of construction and planning would take charge of areas to the east. Some Jewish suburbs, such as Mevaseret Zion on the road to Tel Aviv, have objected to being incorporated into Jerusalem.

Since the Oslo accord was signed in 1993, Israel has been pushing out the Jahalin, the

Shia death blamed on Baghdad

BY PATRICK COCKBURN

THE MURDER of a senior Shia Muslim cleric, Ali al-Gharavi, from the holy city of Najaf in western Iraq, is being blamed on the Iraqi government.

He is the third clergyman to die in what other leaders of the Shia tradition in Islam - which has 130 million followers in the Muslim world - say is a systematic campaign by the Iraqi government to kill off religious leaders it does not control.

Grand Ayatollah Gharavi, 70, died in a bullet of bullets last Thursday night along with his son, son-in-law and driver, as he was being driven back to Najaf from the tomb-shrine of Imam Hussein in Kerbala, 60 miles away.

Yusuf al-Khoei, of the al-Khoei Foundation, a Shia charitable organisation in London, said: "Saddam seems intent on eliminating our entire religious leadership. All Gharavi was doing was leading the prayers in Najaf."

In Baghdad, the Ministry of Religious Affairs called the murder "a treacherous crime behind which stand malicious foreign-based elements".

But the Iraqi government is known to regard the Shia clergy with suspicion because some 55 per cent of Iraqis are Shia while the government depends on the quarter of the population, who are Sunni Muslims. The Shia holy cities of Kerbala and Najaf were at the centre of the 1991 revolt in southern Iraq against President Saddam Hussein.

Only two months ago another Shia prayer leader, Ayatollah Murtadha Ali Moharrum Ibrahim Boujardi, was shot dead in Najaf as he walked home from praying at the shrine where Imam Ali, the



Gharavi: Shot dead

cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet Mohammed, is buried. He had earlier been warned by the Ministry of Religious Affairs not to lead prayers in a popular local mosque.

The Iraqi government's denial of any involvement in the murders were treated with disdain yesterday by other Shia movements in the Islamic world. Hezbollah in Lebanon accused the Iraqi government of "attacking the lives of the nation's scholars and leaders and continuing the criminal course in which the Iraqi regime has a remarkable record".

If the assassination of Ayatollah Gharavi was carried out by the Iraqi security services, it shows the government in Baghdad is confident that it can do what it wants to its opponents without provoking a reaction at home or abroad.

The killing of Gharavi is similar to the death of Mohammed Taqi al-Khoei, another leading cleric. He died on the road between Kerbala and Najaf in 1994 when his car struck a truck. Witnesses said the truck had been waiting for hours and then suddenly pulled out into the road. The police delayed taking the injured to hospital.

IN BRIEF

German tribute to crash victims

GERMANY YESTERDAY paid tribute to the 100 people killed in the country's worst train disaster since the Second World War at a church service televised nationally and attended by Chancellor Helmut Kohl. President Roman Herzog told about 1,000 guests at the ecumenical service in Celle, nine miles from the scene of the accident in Eschede, that the whole nation had shared in the suffering caused by the crash. Investigators last week confirmed that a broken wheel was to blame for derailing a high-speed Inter City Express train travelling from Munich to Hamburg and sending it hurtling into a bridge support at 125mph.

Algerian mourners killed

SIX WOMEN mourners died when a bomb exploded at a cemetery south of Algiers. The attack, which took place Saturday, was at a cemetery in the region of Medea, about 44 miles south of the Algerian capital. The victims were praying at the tombs of relatives killed in recent massacres.

Gonzalez to testify at GAL trial

FORMER SENIOR Spanish government officials, including a former prime minister, Felipe Gonzalez, are to testify this week in a trial that accuses the government of complicity in a secret war against Basque separatists.

Mr Gonzalez is due to testify during the trial of 12 people on charges of kidnapping, misappropriating public funds and belonging to an illegal armed group, the Anti-Terrorist Liberation Groups, known as GAL, killed 27 suspected members or sympathisers of ETA in covert actions from 1983-87 in southern France.

Chirac attacks gay marriage plan

PRESIDENT JACQUES CHIRAC, in a speech at the weekend, criticised a plan by the French government to legalise gay marriages. The Socialist-led National Assembly is scheduled to take up legislation approved this week by the government that would create a "contract of social union" in France. The contract would authorise mayors to perform marriage-like ceremonies and would grant homosexual couples the social and fiscal rights now enjoyed by married people.

Romanian synagogue wrecked

THIEVES PLUNDERED a synagogue in the Romanian city of Oradea, smashing windows and stealing 14 candelabras, reports said Saturday. In Ploiesti, another small Jewish community asked local authorities to investigate what it said was a suspected mass grave of 40 Jews buried near the city train station in 1941 after dying during deportation.

MICHAEL BROWN

'The sweetness of revenge - truly a dish best eaten when it's so cold it's almost frozen - is something I savour every second of the day'

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French defy EU over hunting season

By JOHN LICHFIELD
in Paris

FEATHERS ARE about to fly. A violent row is about to break out between Paris and the European Union, and within the pink-red-green French coalition government, over the hunting season for migratory waterfowl.

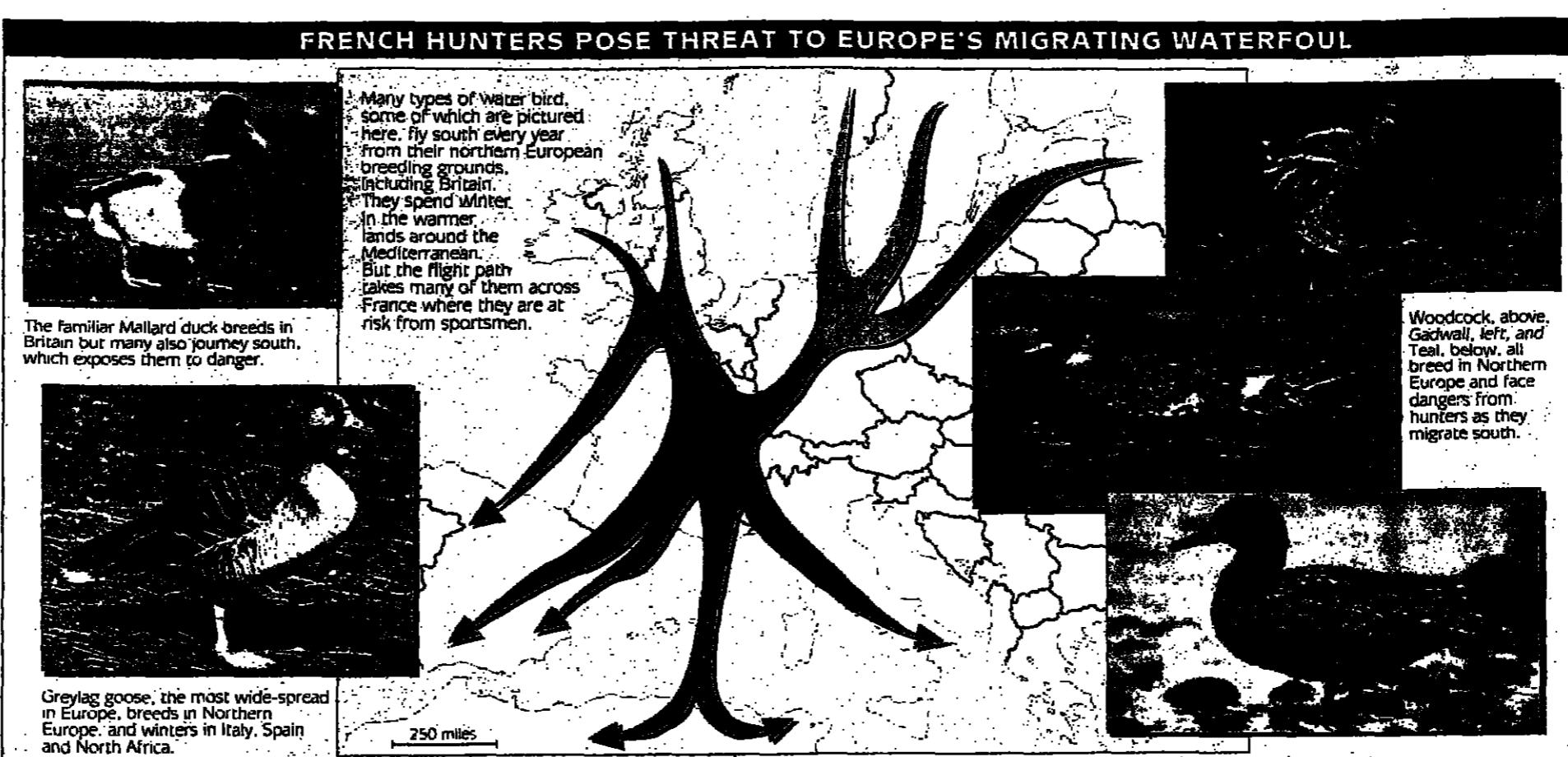
The French parliament voted last week to allow hunters in France to shoot certain birds – wild ducks and geese, but also woodcock and snipe – for an extra six weeks in the summer and for an extra month in the early part of spring.

The law, which was passed overwhelmingly by a three-quarters deserted National Assembly, deliberately contravenes a 19-year-old EU directive protecting birds which migrate between European countries.

It would allow French hunters, unlike their counterparts in other EU states, to continue to shoot the protected birds during their annual autumn and spring migrations. By nature, the birds are not purely French but spend parts of their lives in other countries, including Britain.

Apart from the conservation issues, the assembly's vote risks causing a destructive row within the French coalition – between Green members on the one hand and Socialists and Communists on the other. Hunting is largely a working man's sport in France.

The environment minister, Dominique Voynet, who is also



leader of the Green Party, said yesterday that she would refuse to sign the documents implementing the new law. This could cause a minor constitutional crisis and a serious political crisis within the government.

The bird-hunting dispute

has become a rallying point for submerged anti-European feelings in France. Few people dare attack the broad sweep of French EU policy on subjects such as the single currency. Emotion tends to be transferred to other issues, such as hunting, instead.

The hunting lobby has accused bureaucrats in Brussels of attacking the "culture of the French countryside". In fact, the directive about the birds was agreed by all EU governments – under a French presidency – in 1979.

It has never been properly

applied by successive French governments, leading to a European Court judgement in 1994 ordering Paris to obey the rules.

The issue has become deeply emotive – and hopelessly confused – in the past four years: muddled by propaganda from hunters' groups

timidation of MPs. In the Somme, a young Socialist MP, Vincent Peillon, received threats against his family. His constituency headquarters was vandalised and daubed with hunters' slogans. He voted "Yes" to the new law.

Ms Voynet and the other

Greens have been distressed by what they see as the lack of backbone displayed by the Socialist Party and the Jospin government in dealing with the hunters' groups.

They point out that active hunters account for only 3 per cent of the French population, and that 60 per cent of French people would like to see all blood sports banned.

In the event, more than three-quarters of members of the National Assembly found that they had a more pressing engagement when the issue came to a vote on Friday morning. Out of 577 members, there were 92 votes in favour and 20 against.

Under the EU directive, the shooting of migratory waterfowl should not start before September and should end on 31 January. These rules have never been applied in France. Under the law voted on Friday, shooting can start on 14 July and end on 28 February.

The later closing date is regarded as especially destructive by conservation groups. They say the birds are particularly vulnerable while migrating to their nesting grounds.

The question is: What will the EU do? The protection of birds which cross EU national boundaries is a classical European environmental issue. However, without public support from other governments, the European Commission may be reluctant to take on a democratically elected body like the French parliament.

West orders Serbia to pull out Kosovo troops

ISMET HAJDARI
in Pristina

FIGHTING FLARED up again yesterday in Serbia's restive Kosovo province, with Albanian militants apparently trying to expand the territory under their control.

Albanian forces opened fire on a Serb village along Kosovo's main east-west road connecting the capital, Pristina, with the western town of Pec, the home of the pro-Serbian Media Centre.

Meanwhile, an American diplomatic mission will tell Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic this week that he must meet all the demands of the Contact Group on Kosovo, the United States Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, said yesterday.

Ms Albright said the American ambassador to Macedonia, Christopher Hill, and the newly-

message that violence is not acceptable, that the package that the Contact Group put out is a package and not a menu. He [Milosevic] has to pull back his forces," she said in a television interview.

The Contact Group – Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia and the United States – earlier this month in London called for the Yugoslav President to withdraw "security units used for civilian repression" from Kosovo.

Ms Albright said all options remained open, including military action, but for the moment the emphasis was on diplomacy. "We want to solve this issue diplomatically... The Nato planning is in support of a strong diplomatic approach... the issue here is that we want a diplomatic solution and I don't want to threaten strikes when what I'm trying to do is get a diplomatic solution," she added.

nominated ambassador to the United Nations, Richard Holbrooke, would tell Mr Milosevic specifically that he must withdraw his forces from Kosovo, where Albanians opposed to Serbian rule form 90 per cent of the 2 million population.

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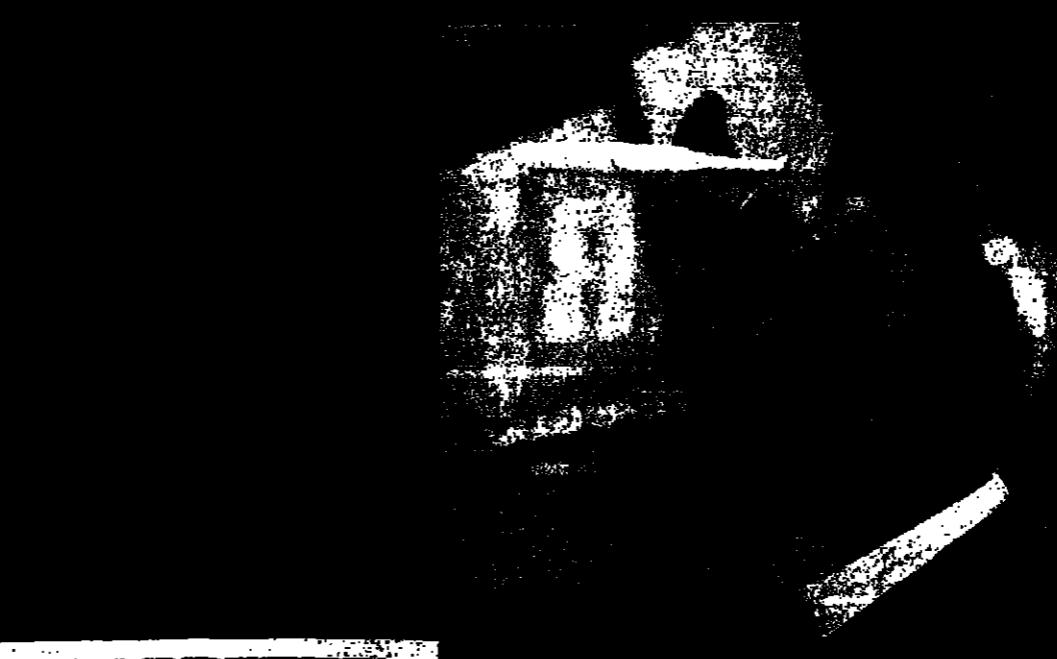
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China's dissidents appeal to Clinton

BY TERESA POOLE
in Peking

SEVENTY-ONE dissidents in China have signed an open letter urging President Bill Clinton to meet the parents of one of the students killed in the June 1989 Tiananmen Square shelling during his state visit to China.

The petition followed a similar letter signed by 57 dissidents on Friday and also sent to foreign news agencies. This called on Mr Clinton to "state clearly his concern" for human rights in China by meeting Xu Wenli, who was released in 1993 after 12 years in prison. A third petition, signed by 15 dissidents in Zhejiang province, appealed to the United States President to offer wreaths for the victims of June 1989.

But in Washington, state department officials at the weekend made it plain that they did not expect Mr Clinton to meet pro-democracy activists. Stanley Roth, assistant secretary of state, said: "At this point, I don't believe we're going to have dissidents on the schedule." He said that the main concern was "what would happen to (dissident) people if you met with them".

Mr Xu, a veteran activist, dismissed Washington's excuse for not meeting activists. "Whether dissidents receive any sort of punishment for meeting Clinton is not the slightest consideration for us," he said.

Mr Clinton's handling of human rights issues is set to be the most controversial aspect of the nine-day state visit, the first by a US president since the June 1989 killing of hundreds of unarmed demonstrators.



A cyclist in Peking passes a stand selling a magazine featuring Bill Clinton's visit. It is the first by a US president since the Tiananmen Square massacre.

agree to a meeting between Mr Clinton and a mainland opposition figure, and an angry Chinese government would no doubt punish any dissident who addressed the President on dissidents' grievances.

There are fears also that such a meeting might jeopardise opportunities for Mr Clinton to take his human rights message to a wider audience. There are hopes that he might do this during the planned live radio phone-in programme in Shanghai, and in public speeches at Peking University and possibly a televised "town-hall" meeting.

The spectacle of a US president directly addressing the Chinese people and engaging with an audience - in a way which the Chinese leadership itself never dares to do - could have a greater impact than meeting one dissident and infuriating Peking in the process.

Mr Roth said: "One has to draw a very clear distinction between the rather narrow issue of meeting the dissidents and the question of speaking one's mind on human rights."

The dozens of mainland signatories to the recent petitions have, nevertheless, urged Mr Clinton to take the risk. Describing themselves as the "voice of China's opposition", the 71 signatories also called on Mr Clinton to meet Bao Tong, the most senior communist party official to be jailed after June 1989.

Mr Bao served a seven-year sentence for allegedly leaking secrets to the Tiananmen square protesters about the crackdown and this month spoke publicly for the first time since his release, calling for curbs on the power of the party.

Hurricane kills six in Moscow

BY PHIL REEVES
in Moscow

AT LEAST six people died during a sudden violent storm on Saturday night in Moscow which tore down trees, bent advertising billboards in half, damaged the roof of the Bolshoi Theatre and knocked several towers off the battlements around the Kremlin.

Thousands of city workers and Interior Ministry troops were deployed across the capital yesterday clearing up broken glass, fallen trees and crushed cars caused by the late-night storm - which the Russian media were describing as an *uраган*, or hurricane.

There was no official estimate of the damage, but repairs are certain to cost many millions of dollars.

The gale, which meteorologists said was caused by a sudden confluence of hot and cold

air over the capital, occurred after two weeks of unusually hot weather that has sent temperatures soaring well above 30C, set off scores of forest fires and led to a sharp rise in the number of drownings.

Storms are rare in Moscow and are generally seen by residents as exceptional, but this one was unusual by any standards. As it whipped through the streets, some 5,000 trees came crashing down - 200 of which were downed within the gardens of the Kremlin alone.

Health officials say 121 people were treated in hospital, mostly for injuries caused by flying debris or falling branches.

The half-hour gale - which arrived out of the blue shortly before

midnight on Saturday and seemed at times like a whirlwind - toppled a crane on the Moscow River which landed on a motor vessel.

It also ripped down scores of temporary street cafes, broke windows, tore yards of newly-laid copper from half-repaired Kremlin buildings, flooded streets, knocked balconies from the sides of buildings and brought down overhead power and tram wires.

"It was worse than a hurricane," said Mikhail Gordunov, the night manager of a kiosk in central Moscow, who was caught in the thick of it.

Although the worst-hit areas were south and south-west Moscow, the storm caused damage and power losses throughout much of the metropolitan area and affected at

least 20 surrounding towns.

The storm has, for the second time this year, set Yury Luzhkov, the pugnacious mayor of Moscow, against Russia's weather forecasters.

Mr Luzhkov, a possible contender for the presidency, personally sought to control the

weather during Moscow's 850th anniversary last year by using aircraft to seed approaching rain clouds, causing them to dump their load outside the city limits. He has repeatedly made clear that he dislikes unexpected weather.

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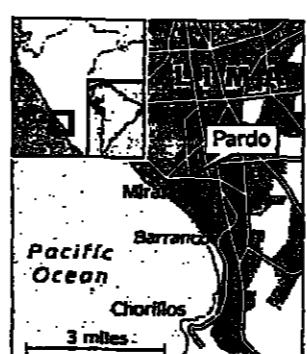
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Hip Miraflores (above), where Carmen the 'dog queen' (right) brings together a diverse group of canine owners



Lucien Chauvin

Dogs bridge class divide

A DOG'S LIFE IN LIMA

PERUVIANS celebrate birthdays with flare and Hobbes is no exception. To celebrate this year, he and a group of friends scoffed down cakes, hotdogs and lots of sweet potatoes - on all fours. Hobbes is my overweight labrador retriever.

In only a year of living with me, Hobbes has made a name for himself in my neighbourhood, Miraflores, a rather hip district of Lima, by begging for food, doing tricks and just being himself.

Miraflores is home to only 150,000 of Lima's 7 million people, but is the whole city's preferred night spot. It boasts some of Lima's best five-star restaurants and hotels and the bulk of the art galleries. Nearly every street has an eatery, coffee shop or bar, the choices span from the quaint Café Voltaire, which caters to older, wealthy women to ravenous gay bars.

Sunday is a big day for Miraflores. Families flock to the parks or ride bikes on the some of the major streets, which are closed on Sundays to cars.

With its spectacular view of the Pacific Ocean about 100 metres below, the big meeting

place on Sundays is the "Love Park", so-called because of a massive sculpture by local artist Victor Delfin of a man and woman kissing.

The coastal parks of Miraflores are a far cry from the rest of Lima. Technically, the capital of Peru is a desert. It never rains in Lima, so the grass has to be watered several times a week. Few districts in the city can afford such a luxury.

The neighbourhood is home to some fantastically wealthy people, lots of middle-class families and a good many expatriates like myself.

There is also poverty. The area is divided by Pardo Avenue, a broad, tree-lined boulevard. My side of the avenue, which runs down toward the ocean, is clean and orderly, the other is a picture of urban decay. My side looks back to the days when Miraflores was an ocean-front resort. The other side was where the servants of the rich lived.

Only two years ago, some of the homes with an ocean view also had a view of Miraflores'

only shantytown, a collection of huts nestled into a cranny on the cliffs that led down to the ocean. The shantytown is now gone. It was filled in and turned into a park, too.

Lima is unusual in comparison with many of the other cities in Latin America in that people from wildly different social classes are neighbours.

This can be seen in the dog club that gathers each night at the "Navy" park, so-called because of the old lighthouse there. It is an eclectic group of dog owners that cuts across generations, religions, nationalities, social classes and sexual orientations.

Take my partner Kique and me. We are the first gay men to belong to the group. At first we feared they might shy away from us when they discovered our "secret". Although gay bars have sprouted in the past few years, Lima remains a rather conservative city when it comes to homosexuality - but we've had few problems.

Carmen San Roman, the

bourhood, is the impetus behind the group. If Carmen likes you, you're in - and for sure she likes us.

An unemployed, single mother who survives off the alimony she has to fight for each month with her former husband, Carmen has six dogs - a few English boxers, a beagle and an unidentifiable half-breed.

Carmen's life is a good example of the way many urban Peruvians live, struggling to get by in country with a rapidly changing economy.

While the government's strict monetary policies have curtailed hyperinflation - which reached 7,000 per cent in 1990 - jobs are scarce and most people are not convinced that Peru's economy will continue to grow.

At the other extreme in our dog lovers' group is my friend Javier Bellina. In his sixties, Javier earns a six-figure salary as head of personnel safety for one of Peru's largest construction companies. They are great friends that goes beyond the disparity in their bank accounts.

There may be 7 million people in Lima, but somehow it

still seems small. And Miraflores, with all its possibilities for fun, is one of the city's top draws.

PARKS SEEM to be the big issue in Miraflores. The district government opened its newest park, Parque Salazar, two weeks ago with fireworks, big band music and lots of applause.

Javier, from the dog club, was in charge of making sure the work was done without accidents. The park will form part of a new mall being built beneath it and which will extend down the cliff to the ocean. Not everyone applauds.

As his party was winning single-digit support in the polls only three months ago, Mr

Czech left turn fails to end crisis

CZECH VOTERS moved to the left and gave the Social Democrats a victory in elections held over the weekend. However, the margin may have been too narrow for the party to form a viable government or resolve the political instability that has plagued the country since the collapse of the centre-right coalition led by former prime minister Vaclav Klaus.

"We have suffered a victory," one Social Democrat deputy said. Unofficial results give the Social Democrats 32.3 per cent of the vote, an improvement over their showing two years ago and the party's first electoral success since the 1989 revolution.

But their bitter rivals in Mr Klaus's right-wing Civic Democratic Party received 27.7 per cent of the vote. This was a remarkable comeback for the former Czech leader and suggests many voters were ready to overlook the economic crisis and financial scandals which marked his last year in office and led to his resignation in late November.

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BY SIEGFRIED MORTKOWITZ
in Prague

Klaus was justifiably moved to call the outcome "an unbelievable dream result".

But the elections may yet turn into a nightmare for Pres-

numbers simply do not add up.

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G7 fails to calm Asian fears

BRIEFING

Crisis worsens in South Africa

IN SOUTH AFRICA even the most loyal members of the National Party are joining in marches demanding that the government honour its pledge to increase salaries in the public services. They are protesting against an ever-tightening fiscal policy as South Africa battles its way through a sixth successive week of speculative assaults on the currency.

Last week the rand fell 3.5 per cent to its lowest levels ever against the dollar and pound. Although the rand has fallen only 11 per cent against the dollar this year, the latest currency crisis has shaken the government and central bank far more than the rand's previous dive in early 1996. In less than a month the central bank has

thrown out half its total foreign reserves, more than R26bn (22,800), into the breach to little avail.

Punitive central bank interest rates have soared. Chris Stals (left), the governor of the central bank, last week threw up his hands in an admission of the bank's impotence in the face of currency speculators.

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Governor warns on markets

EDDIE GEORGE, the Governor of the Bank of England, has warned that the stock market may be becoming overvalued, echoing a similar warning issued last year by his US counterpart Alan Greenspan. Mr George yesterday said that earnings growth would have to be "remarkable by any kind of historical standards" if stock market prices were to continue to rise. Mr George added that the Bank was concerned about the knock-on effects of the economic crisis in Asia, even though the direct effects were unlikely to have much impact on the British economy.

Meanwhile, he argued that rising wages and higher prices in the service industry were the largest threats to low inflation. "The increase in earnings is inevitably going to affect all parts of the economy," he said. But his comments were dismissed by Ruth Lea, head of policy at the Institute of Directors, who said that, excluding bonuses, earnings were not growing as quickly as Mr George suggested. Mr George conceded that there was a dilemma in balancing the domestic economy, which is growing strongly, and the export sector, which has been hit by exchange rates.

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FINANCIAL MARKETS are braced for another rocky ride this week after the meeting of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations in Tokyo failed to secure any new public commitment from Japan to revive its shrinking economy or address its debt-burdened banking system. Analysts said they expected downward pressure on the yen and volatile sessions in Asian equities markets.

"This will disappoint the market and won't stop the capital outflow from Japan," said Avinash Persaud, global strategist at JP Morgan. "G7 policymakers are focused on what's necessary in the long term rather than how to deal with the crisis today."

The G7 meeting came after joint US and Japanese intervention last week changed the direction of the dollar's trading against the yen. Officials said after the meeting that concrete action from Japan was "urgently needed" and although intervention last week had created a "window of opportunity" for Japan to repair its economy, the chance would not last for ever. Japan also ruled out specific action on solving its banks' bad loan problems until after the national elections on 12 July.

The meeting closed with a bland statement that analysts said would not calm market nerves. It said: "It is of vital importance to Japan, to the recovery of Asia and to the entire world economy, that Japan restore its banking system to health, achieve domestic demand-led growth and open and de-regulate its markets."

"There is a risk for a lot of disappointment," said Nick Parsons, chief currency strategist at Paribas Capital Markets in London. "The markets were looking not for promises of action but action itself."

Alison Cottrell, chief international economist at Paine Webber, said market disappointment was inevitable. "Japan was not going to come up with a permanent income tax cut over the weekend," she said. "Realistically, what could they have done?"

She added that US intervention to support the yen last week was more about supporting the Chinese yuan as President Clinton prepares for a trip to the Far East this week.

Michael Hughes, director of Baring



Japanese Finance Minister Hikaru Matsunaga and his deputy, Eisaku Sasaki, at the G7 meeting in Tokyo

Asset Management, agreed saying: "The intervention is now being interpreted as political rather than economic." He said the core challenge for Japan was to rebuild the credit base of its economy. "That has three aspects," he said. "To get rid of the lame duck banks that are technically bust; to ensure bank profitability is enhanced and to encourage partnership deals with outside groups."

On market reaction to the G7 meeting he said: "There is no new policy to get your teeth into. So the situation

hasn't really changed. But there is a degree of value beginning to appear in Asia. People are looking for an opportunity to go back in but there are not enough signals yet to show that this is the time to do it."

David Kern, chief economist at NatWest, said: "The market is very fragile. So far the support of the yen was successful but there are many risks, and chances are some time over the next few weeks, the markets will again attack the yen."

Mr Persaud at JP Morgan said increased savings in Japan by people fearing unemployment and falling wages, together with the lack of a good investment return, were the forces driving the yen lower. "The only thing that can be done to halt the yen's decline is a signal a shift in monetary policies on both sides," he said, adding that the Bank of Japan should no longer have a bias towards easing interest rates, and the United States should no longer have a bias towards tightening them. "Such statements would have sent a very important message to the market place that they are backing up the intervention with monetary policy," he said.

Young's faces fight on share revamp

BY PETER THAL LARSEN

YOUNG & CO, the South London brewery, is heading for a showdown with Guinness Peat Group, Sir Ron Brierley's investment vehicle, after rejecting plans to reorganise its share structure.

In a circular sent out over the weekend, Young's board urges its shareholders to vote against resolutions which Guinness Peat has tabled for the group's annual general meeting on 21 July.

John Young, chairman, said the proposals are "transparent self-serving and are utterly without merit so far as the success and development of Young & Co is concerned".

GPG has tabled resolutions which, if passed, will force the company to enfranchise its non-voting shares, redeem its debenture and preference stock, and seek the authority to buy back its share capital.

However, the investment group's proposals have little chance of being passed. Roughly 60 per cent of Young's voting shares are in the hands of family members and former employees, virtually guaranteeing a victory for the board. The Young family holds four seats on the board.

Nevertheless, the annual general meeting is likely to be embarrassing for Young's, since other institutional investors, which include PPFM and Prudential, are likely to vote in favour of Guinness Peat's proposals.

A spokesman for Guinness Peat said: "The rise in



John Young, chairman, is confident of defeating GPG resolutions Edward Webb

Young's share price since we came up with our proposals is favourably disposed to them. We hope the board would act in such a way to keep the share price moving in the right direction."

Young's publicly traded voting shares hit a new high of 790p on Friday, up from less

than 600p a few weeks ago, on hopes that a change in share structure would unlock the company's value.

However, Young's board argues that its strategy of expanding retail outlets, investing in pubs and promoting the Young's brand, are more likely to enhance its shareholder value.

Meanwhile, GPG is also attacking Staveley, the troubled industrial group in which it holds a 13 per cent stake.

It plans to table a resolution at Staveley's AGM on July 28 forcing the company to sell off British Salt, its salt-making subsidiary, and return the cash to shareholders.

BA set to accept tougher conditions

BY PETER THAL LARSEN
in London
AND KATHERINE BUTLER
in Brussels

BA accepts the agreement. Nevertheless, the Commission's proposal is likely to be a lot softer than originally envisaged.

Mr van Miert's first proposal was that the two airlines be forced to give up 350 slots in order to win clearance. But BA made it clear that it would rather walk away from the deal than submit to those conditions.

The company has drawn up contingency plans in case the Commission's proposals prove to be onerous. They include a less far-reaching alliance with American Airlines as well as potential partnerships with other carriers.

The softening in the Commission's stance is thought to be the result of Mr Kimock's involvement. The former leader of the Labour party has pointed out that, since BA announced its deal with AA two years ago, it has been overtaken by other airlines which have signed similar alliances.

BA may well be able to reduce the conditions even further. Although the Commission is responsible for the proposals, Margaret Beckett, the Trade and Industry Secretary, is responsible for implementing them. As a result, the UK government may be able to give BA some leeway in the implementation of the proposals.

However, the airline still faces a dogfight with US regulators, who have yet to give the alliance their blessing.

Burger chains breach minimum wage levels

BY BARRIE CLEMENT
Labour Editor

The GMB general union will reveal tomorrow that a range of employers in the food and leisure industry covering nearly 100,000 workers are rejecting the idea of an "age wage".

Derek Hunter, a national official with the GMB, will tell the union's food and leisure conference that deals have been signed by companies in food manufacturing and wholesale grocery which either abolish age-related rates or significantly reduce the "differentials".

One big company, Nestle-Rowntree, recently abandoned lower rates for 16- and 17-year-olds except those on training schemes.

There is mounting evidence, however, that employers are moving away from rates based on age to wages based on competence.

McDonald's lowest wage of £3.50 for those over 18 would be raised to at least £3.60 even for 18- to 21-year-olds.

Mr Hunter said the Low Pay Commission's decision to recommend a lower rate for younger people flew in the face of the typical length of time people stay in a job, published today.

Paul Gregg, a Treasury adviser on job-market issues, and his colleague, Jonathan Wadsworth, found that the typical length of time an average worker had been in a job had barely changed from 1985 and 1995. It had declined by just four months to five years and two months. And this typical person can expect a job to last as long again, as most jobs last for just over 10 years.

Yet the sense of insecurity remains high, with less than half the workforce believing their job is secure, compared with about two-thirds in the depths of the recession.

Jobs are more secure than people think

BY DIANE COYLE
Economics Editor

The virtually static picture reported in the new research consists of three separate trends. Older men have suffered the biggest fall in job tenure, with the typical male over 50 having been in the same job for 12 years and 10 months in 1995 compared to 15 years and 10 months a decade earlier.

But women under 50, and especially those with children, have seen their job tenure increase over the same decade from just under two years to just over three years in the case of 25- to 34-year-olds with dependent children.

In other words, the Conservatives were right in their claim that there was little evidence to back up the sense of increasing insecurity. Whatever it stems from, it is not for most of us, the increased risk of having to leave a job.

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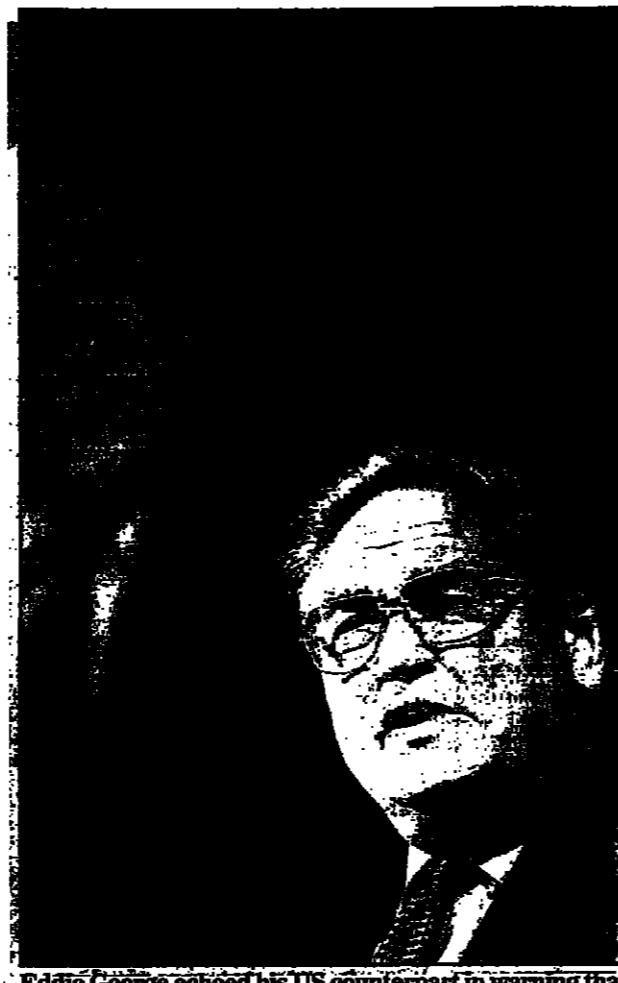
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George warns on rising markets



Eddie George echoed his US counterpart in warning that the stock market was becoming overheated.

EDDIE GEORGE, Governor of the Bank of England, yesterday echoed his US counterpart Alan Greenspan with a warning that the stock market was in danger of becoming overheated. "We have seen an extraordinary sustained rise in stock market prices," he said. "But for the rise to continue, you've got to assume a rate of growth of earnings that would be remarkable by any kind of historical standards."

Mr George questioned whether that was likely. "If the prospects for earnings tail down, won't there have to be an adjustment in the stock market?" he asked.

The Governor's warning was similar to that of Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve, who last year warned that the financial markets were guilty of "irrational exuberance".

Mr George said there were good reasons why the stock market had risen so steadily until now. "A lot of that can be explained by the move of the world economy to a more stable general environment, so that nominal yields on riskless assets have come down very substantially and you'd expect other asset prices to rise to reflect that." However, this adjustment did not mean that share prices would carry on rising indefinitely.

Speaking on BBC Television - Agencies

IN BRIEF

PowerGen in East Midlands talks

POWERGEN HAS held exploratory talks with US utility Dominion Resources about buying East Midlands Electricity, the regional electricity group. Talks are believed to be at an early stage and PowerGen has yet to make a firm offer. Ed Wallis, the electricity generator's chairman, has made no secret of his desire to expand into electricity distribution. However, any move towards vertical integration in the UK's electricity industry would have to be cleared by the government and Ofgem, the industry regulator. PowerGen is also understood to be negotiating with Houston Industries, the US generator, about a merger which would create a transatlantic power giant. In 1996, Dominion paid £1.3bn for East Midlands.

Asda starts telephone shopping

ASDA, THE supermarket group, will announce a new telephone ordering service this week which will enable customers to order their goods from a central warehouse. The "call and collect" service will offer groceries and clothes as well as CDs, videos and books, which will then be delivered to customers' homes. "Other supermarkets have offered this service but only on a local level, which restricts the customers to products that are available at the back of the local store," an Asda spokeswoman said. "But a central warehouse will give customers a wider choice we will be able to offer the full range of products that we stock nationwide."

Asda is looking for an 80,000 sq ft warehouse to service the whole of the M25 area. "We are really going on the offensive here, and looking to gain market share in an area that traditionally has always been seen as one of our weak spots," the company said.

Yellow Pages in US link

YELLOW PAGES, the directory supplier owned by British Telecommunications, will today announce a strategic alliance with Equifax, the US transaction processing group, as part of a push to develop marketing and electronic commerce in the UK. Among others, Yellow Pages plans to combine its business database with Equifax's information on directors and financial performance to allow users to work out the profitability of their customer databases. John Condon, Yellow Pages' managing director, said the partnership would also develop opportunities in electronic commerce and other markets.

Nasdaq looks at German alliance

NASDAQ, THE US stock market, has held talks with Deutsche Börse, which runs the stock and derivatives markets in Frankfurt about a possible alliance that could lead to a challenge to London stock markets. Nasdaq would not confirm that talks had taken place but said: "We are always talking with a wide range of possible commercial partners." Nasdaq is already trying to raise its profile in Europe. It is currently running a television advertising campaign in Britain and will start one in Germany this week. Some market commentators feel that, in time, global companies will want to list on one international market rather than have a series of domestic listings.

Merger is dead, says Leschly

JAN LESCHLY, SmithKline Beecham's chief executive has ruled out any revival of the merger talks with British drugs rival Glaxo Wellcome which ended acrimoniously earlier this year. "It is not going to happen," he said over the weekend. He also denied rumours that he was negotiating his retirement from the firm. Both rumours had been active over the last week. "People should just forget about it [the merger]. It is dead and it is about time Glaxo figured it out."

New editor at 'Lloyd's List'

LLP GROUP, the publishing group which came to the market in April, has appointed Leigh Smith as editor of its flagship publication, *Lloyd's List*. Mr Smith takes over from Michael Gray, who is moving on to edit other LLP publications after completing a two-year period at the helm of the shipping and insurance industry daily.

WHO'S SUING WHOM

JOHN WILLCOCK



JAMES KEEN, a former convertibles and warrants dealer at UBS, is suing UBS and its former head of international equities Hector Sants, over information the investment bank provided to the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA) about Mr Keen in 1994.

Mr Keen was sacked by UBS in 1994 and was subsequently the subject of proceedings by the SFA. Proceedings Mr Keen has always contested. The SFA also proceeded against Mr Keen's boss, Mark Larkin.

The SFA's case against Mr Keen was that he had breached the regulator's "marking to market" rules. These require that securities such as derivatives are valued on a bank's books each day according to their current market value.

Mr Keen, of Hopton Street, London, is now suing UBS Ltd, UBS Research Ltd and UBS Services Ltd, as well as Mr Sants, for "damages for loss and damage occasioned by the negligent mis-statements (of the defendants) ... on or about 18 May 1994 in a Withdrawal Notice to the SFA."

The case is complicated by the fact that UBS has recently merged with its Swiss rival

SBC. Also, Mr Sants has left UBS and is set to join Well Street investment bank Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette in September to run their international equities business.

THIS MORNING the High Court in London will begin hearing an action concerning Express Newspapers' alleged misuse of a pension fund surplus and withholding of pension increases from its older pensioners. The case has taken over seven years to come to court.

Ronald Cowell, 75, an electrician who retired in 1988 after 22 years service with the Express, has complained that his pension has not been increased since his retirement. In fact it has fallen by a third in real terms, he says. An exception was a one-off increase of 3 per cent paid in 1997 - after the action had started. Another discretionary 3 per cent increase is going through this year.

When he retired Mr Cowell was a member of the Express Pension Fund for Production and Clerical workers. In 1988 funds were taken from this fund and three others to form the current Express Newspapers Pension Scheme. These funds included a surplus that was calculated by reference to all members of the scheme, including Mr Cowell.

In the case of the Production and Clerical Fund this transferred surplus amounted to £27m.

Much of this surplus was then used to provide improved benefits for the then current employees of the Express. These employees were granted 3 per cent per annum increases on their pensions. Similar benefits were given to those employees being made

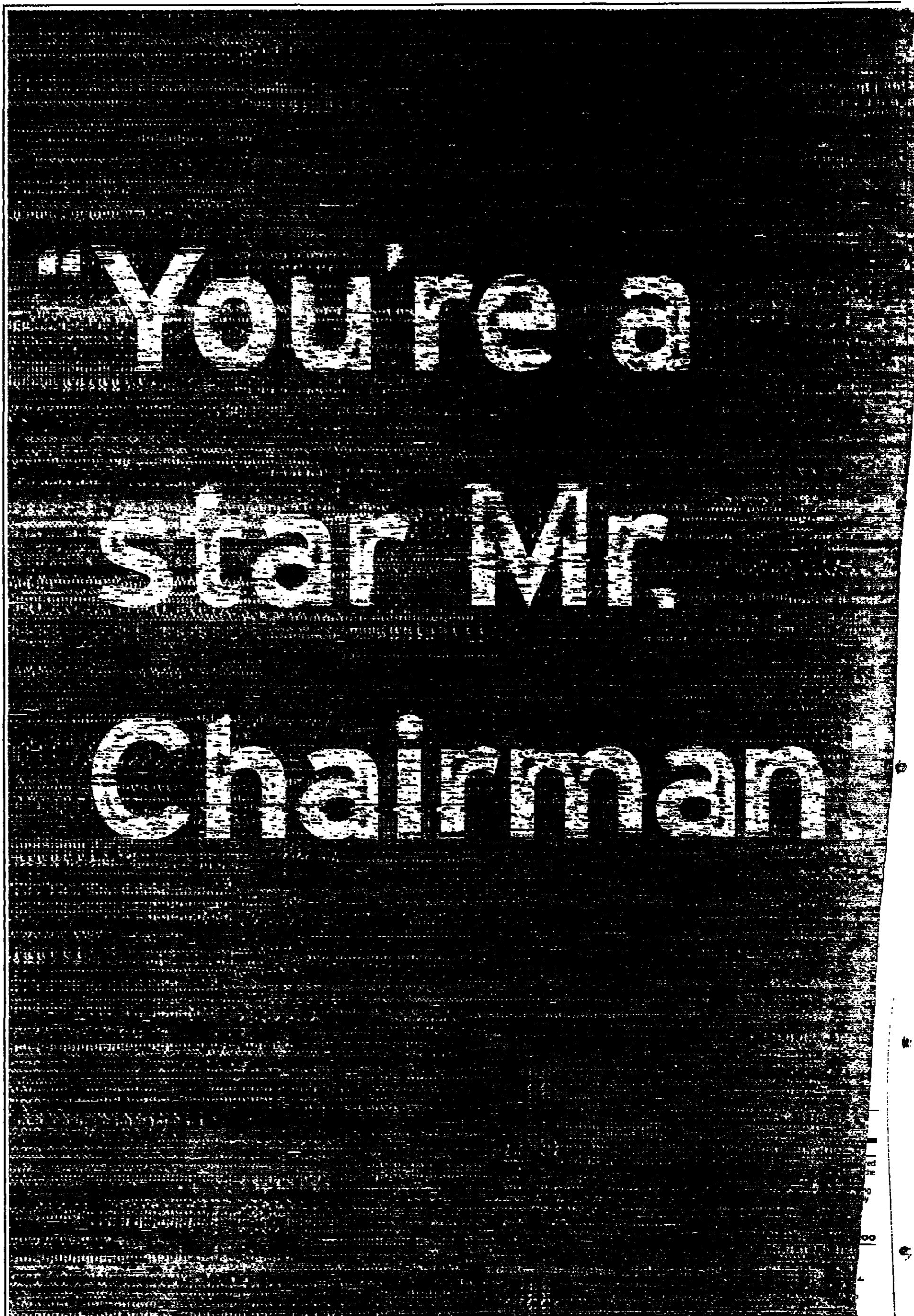
redundant in the company's 1987 manpower reduction programme.

Whilst some one-off increases of £12 per week were granted to some long-standing pensioners, those who had been made redundant in 1988 were singled out to receive nothing, according to Mr Cowell's solicitor, Giles Orton of Eversheds.

Since 1988 Mr Cowell has seen his pension eaten away by inflation, whilst Express Newspapers has been able to use the surplus to reduce its own contributions to the scheme, according to Mr Orton.

Mr Cowell complained to the trustees that under the rules adopted in 1988 all members of the new scheme should be entitled to 3 per cent increases. The trustees did not agree, but accepted that the position was sufficiently unclear that they should refer the matter to the court. The trustees are therefore funding the present action.

Express Newspapers is arguing that the rules do not provide for 3 per cent increases and that if they do this was a mistake and should be corrected ("rectified") by the court.



Governing South Africa: Six weeks of currency speculation pose problems for the ANC and its alliance partners

Rand under new pressure

BY JONATHAN ROSENTHAL
in Johannesburg

IN TODAY'S South Africa even the "tannies" are taking to the streets. The tannie, or auntie, was the backbone of loyalty to the old South Africa and the National Party. At party gatherings tannies could be counted on to serve the food, embroider the party flag and send home-baked cakes to the boys patrolling apartheid's borders and harassing people in its townships.

But last week the tannies were on the march, dancing and chanting the slogans of South Africa's revolution. On the country's television sets, under a poster reading, "Loyalty doesn't buy bread," were hundreds of civil servants demanding that the government honour its 1996 pledge to increase public service salaries.

The novelty of watching Na-

tional Party die-hards protesting against an ever-tightening fiscal policy was lost on the country as it battled its way through a sixth successive week of speculative assaults on the currency.

Last week the rand fell 5.5 per cent to its lowest levels ever against the dollar and pound. Although the rand has fallen only 11 per cent against the dollar this year, the latest crisis has shaken the government and central bank far more than its previous dive in early 1996 when it fell 26 per cent in a few weeks.

When the government presented its growth, employment and redistribution strategy, it openly called it Thatcherite and told its election partners, the country's largest trade union federation and the Communist Party, that the policy was non-negotiable. The programme's targets promised to take the sting out of

slashed government spending by generating thousands of jobs a year by the end of the century, lowering inflation and putting the economy on track for a 6-per-cent growth rate.

The ploy worked. The rand stabilised, inflation was reined in to about 5 per cent, its lowest level since the 1970's, and the government's economic growth target of 6 per cent by the end of the century seemed achievable. But that mad scramble to save the rand in the autumn of 1996 prepared the ground for the assault on the rand that followed two years later.

The African National Congress (ANC) government's non-negotiable stance on an economic policy that was soon perceived as a self-imposed structural adjustment programme meant that it failed to win the support of its alliance partners.

Thabo Mbeki, the deputy presi-



dent and heir to Nelson Mandela, last month defended the slow pace of privatisation, saying he had been advised by Margaret Thatcher, not to move too fast. The body-blow to Mr Mbeki's deliberate pace came at the end of May with the first attack on the rand that threatened to drive it below R5 to the dollar.

The government and central

Workers like these vineyard employees near Cape Town face rising inflation as the rand comes under speculative assault. Jodi Bieber

inflation. The higher interest rates have forced them to cut their economic growth projections for this year by two-thirds to 1 per cent. Growth is expected to limp up to 2 per cent next year, a third of the government's planned 6 per cent.

Chris Stals, the governor of the central bank, last week threw up his hands in an admission of the bank's impotence in the face of currency speculators. "The present financial crisis is of course not a South African crisis but a global one," Mr Stals told the Johannesburg business community. "Had the roots of the problem been in the South African economy, it would have been easier to prescribe remedial action and apply appropriate policies that could guide the situation back to stability."

That explanation is unlikely to sit well with the marching tannies of Cape Town or the ANC's partners less than a year before the country's second democratic elections.

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AIM's £6.7bn success story continues

STOCK MARKET WEEK



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THREE YEARS ago the Alternative Investment Market was born with just ten constituents. Today it has more than 300, with a combined capitalisation of £6.7bn. AIM has experienced some difficult times, even feeling the need to tighten its regulatory regime. But for a young market specialising in accommodating the smaller, perhaps less disciplined, companies, it has been an outstanding success and is still attracting a steady flow of recruits.

AIM has come in for criticism from some quarters, in particular the advancing cost of membership, often above £100,000 as increased regulation takes its toll, and the apparent failure of its shares to join the bull run.

But the FTSE AIM index rather understates the market's performance, because shares elevated to full listing drop out of the calculation, thereby robbing the index of its star performers.

However in the three months to 12 June the AIM index enjoyed something of a boom. At a time when the mid and small cap indices were out-running Footsie, AIM beat such stock market measurements as the all-share, fledgling and, indeed, the small cap, indices.

ASDA

share price, pence

Year	1993	94	95	96	97	98
Asda	40	50	60	80	100	120

Source: Datastream

But the seepage of constituents is a continuous process. Dawson Holdings, the newspaper and magazine distributor, has just moved to a full listing. An AIM founder, its shares moved from 49p to a 255p peak, ending last week at 176p.

A survey conducted by accountants Pannell Kerr Forster indicates most of the AIM chairman and chief executives are quite happy with their lot. But 49 per cent feel AIM's image had declined in the past year, primarily due to problem companies, increased investor caution, removal of some tax reliefs and lack of liquidity.

The liquidity problem could be easing, with a handful of stockbrokers starting market making in smaller companies. Durlacher & Co., Raphael Zorn Hemsley and Williams de Broe are aiming to make markets. There is talk that other firms are ready to climb on the jobbing bandwagon.

In the PKF survey 85 per cent said AIM had exceeded their expectations.

Best known of the AIM companies reporting this week is Majestic Wine, the expanding 70-strong wine warehouse chain which arrived 18 months ago at 160p; the shares ended last week at 500p. Bill Myers at stockbroker Williams de Broe

expects a champagne profits display of around £3m, up from £1.98m.

The retail reporting theme is continued by the major groups on the schedule. Asda, recently voted the top performing supermarket chain, is expected to hit £400m against £283.7m.

It is probably the most flirtatious Footsie constituent, having in recent times looked at moving into motorway services, merging with Kingfisher and taking over rivals Safeway.

The stock market is not entirely convinced by the Kingfisher deal, or indeed the Safeway one, are completely dead and buried. Asda certainly looks like a company in need of a big deal, and in their respective ways, Kingfisher and Safeway make sense. Worries that Asda may indulge in a substantial acquisition which requires a heavy share issue has helped pull the shares from their peak.

Another retailer which has managed to get some recent corporate deals under its belt is the new-look Great Universal Stores.

Under chairman Lord Son of Summingle, the once-reticent group has raided its famous cash pile and put through a series of deals; the last and probably most spectacular was the fiercely contested £1.9bn takeover of Argos, the catalogue stores chain.

That acquisition will not make any contribution to the GUS figures due to be presented this week. They will not be impressive, with the market looking for a little-changed outturn of £570m.

Carpetright may not have a particularly happy tale to relate. Its shares have been under intense pressure, falling from 573.5p last Autumn to 316p on Friday.

John Richards at BT Alex Brown is looking for £35m but believes the Easter washout experienced by most retailers could mean his estimate is £2m too high. Last year Carpetright made £23.1m.

Upmarket department store group Harvey Nichols should have recorded the sort of progress which would impress the smart set. Around £14m is on the cards, up from £12.1m.

Interim figures from Watson & Phillip, the convenience shops chain, complete the retail roll-out. Some £8m (£8.7m) is expected.

First Leisure, still striving to sell its Blackpool operations such as the famous tower, should show benefits from its reshaping and is set for a 33 per cent interim jump to £22m.

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Wimbledon '98: The All England Club prepares for the arrival of two American sisters with a sense of destiny

Williams sisters' double trouble

MAKING A serious face and shaking her beaded hair, 16-year-old Serena Williams declared, "Two days of rain at Wimbledon, and I'm out of there!" The statement made her mother laugh heartily. "She's telling everybody that. She told me that she would actually do it. I don't think so. She loves to compete too well."

Oracene "Brandi" Williams finds amusement in her family's eccentricities and the public's reaction, which is probably just as well considering that her husband has a habit of referring to himself in the third person as "King Richard".

At the same time there is a deep underlying seriousness about the Williamses, a sense of purpose and destiny which took them out of a gang-torn Los Angeles ghetto and has enabled them to gain a prominent position in the traditionally elitist realm of tennis for two of their five daughters, Venus, 18, and Serena. Both have the potential to emulate the greatest African-American players, Althea Gibson and Arthur Ashe.

Martina Hingis, the Wimbledon champion, who is three months younger than Venus, rates her tall, spectacular rival as "No 2 in the world". At the Lipton Championships in Florida, where Hingis saved two match points against the strong, compact Serena and was then defeated by Venus the Swiss world No 1 said, "It's difficult to play the Williams family two matches in a row."

"Venus, Serena, and their father, predict that playing against them will become so hard that Venus and Serena will be No 1 and No 2 in the world, though not necessarily in that order. Richard Williams went so far as to tell *Tennis Week's* Paul Fein that, "Hingis's legs are too short to go the distance with both of the girls right now, so Hingis won't get in their way, no kind of way. In a sense, it's exactly like a heavyweight fighting a middleweight when Venus plays Hingis. I don't see anyone standing in Venus's way or Serena's way. It's going to boil down to those two girls."

"King Richard" publishes a newsletter chronicling the family's background and its progress, and offering advice on the virtues of education, family, religion (they are Jehovah's Witnesses), and community service, "helping parents stop prostituting their daughters".

Emphasising that he practises what he preaches, the sharecropper's son from Shreveport, Louisiana, tells how he made peace with and gave guidance to, gang members (the Bloods) who shot at his daughters when they played on park courts in Compton, LA. He has also galvanised business groups into setting up programmes to help disadvantaged youngsters in Florida, where the family lives now.

In a lighter vein, "King Richard" is not averse to scribbling messages on placards and holding them aloft during changeovers in his daughters' matches. Illegal coaching? Not unless "I love my mother-in-law in Saginaw, Mich." is a code for top-spin backhands.

"My husband is an idealist, and he's very creative," the 47-year-old Oracene said. "So if he thinks of something, he'll do it. He has no inhibitions about that at all, none whatsoever."

JOHN ROBERTS

While Richard Williams is the architect of the family's fortunes, he does not spend a great deal of time at tournaments, partly, Oracene explained, "because he said he didn't want to be a fan in the stand, watching and fro." Nor is he particularly fond of flying. "He told me he's coming to Wimbledon. I'll believe that when I see it."

Even when he is at the court side, there is no outward sign that mentally he is playing every shot with his daughters, which is the case with some tennis parents. "No, because they had a pretty well-grounded education in tennis," Oracene said. "All of us did, because we were out on that court every day. We would get up at 5.30 on the morning, that is me and my husband, and come back at noon, and then go back again. And I never thought about that till recently. I must have been crazy. But I just did it."

It generally falls to Oracene to accompany Venus and Serena around the world, a role which has become increasingly demanding and was not helped by her fracturing her left ankle in a fall down steps at the

move to Florida [in 1991] we had difficulty with the schools letting the girls go part-time, so they had a year of home schooling. After that they went to regular school."

It was only when the family moved to Florida that Oracene discovered that she had been suffering from pneumonia. "I always got sick at weekends, when I didn't have to work. I don't think I've fully recovered, but I'm handling it much better now."

Having shielded Venus and Serena from the customary course of junior competitions - "We did not want them to burn out real early" - the Williams's decided they needed help when the girls joined the professional tour. At which point, Oracene gave up nursing, laced up the plimsolls, and headed for the circuit.

"My husband wanted to do it, but I told him he could not handle all of it, and in the end he found that I was right. Because we had put so much work into the girls, and time, I didn't want anyone to come in from outside and take credit for something that Richard had done."

Richard Williams's planning is executed in phases. Oracene supervising the work on the practice court, assisted by the ubiquitous Nick Bollettieri, whose Florida tennis academy helped launch Andre Agassi, Jim Courier, Monica Seles and Anna Kournikova.

"It was time for Venus to be moulded gradually into the tennis world," Oracene said. "It's like a job. You have to be trained. And with Serena being Venus on tour, she was getting her internship at the same time. That made it possible for Serena to play more tournaments, because the way had been paved by Venus. And that's why there's a discrepancy between Venus and Serena. The older child would lead the way for the younger. If the younger one is paying attention, they can learn from the older one's mistakes."

Serena learned so quickly that the regular practice matches were transformed into full-blown sibling rivalry at the Australian Open in January and at the Italian Open in May. So far, Serena has been unable to produce her best when confronted by her sister, and such occasions must be sheer agony for a mother at the court side.

"Well, it doesn't affect me at all," Oracene said, "because the two are one. As a family, you are a unit. So whether one wins and one loses, that's the way it goes. Either way, the love is still there, and love is the most common bond, more than the game. So it doesn't destroy relationships."

Dealing with post-match interviews can be an ordeal for some players, but Venus and Serena quickly developed a technique embracing the measured and the fluent: "Well, that's part of the training, too," Oracene said. "We decided they would have experience with the media very young. They would attend charity events in which both of them would have to get up and speak publicly, so it gave them a familiarity with the public at large."

Richard Williams was an enthusiastic tennis player before he and Oracene met. "Richard taught me, and I practised very hard. I didn't want to be a hacker. I wanted to learn it well." Her ambition was to play with the concentration of Bjorn Borg, no less.



Oracene Williams: Wife, mother, coach

apartment the family are renting in Wimbledon. She gets by with the aid of a cast and a stick. "I'm a mother. I'm a wife. I'm a coach, and then at home I have so many other activities, because I take care of the finances. It can become kind of difficult and overwhelming, especially on a long trip like this. When I go back home and get the mail, I have to go through it all and do the filing, and I'm trying to learn to use the computer better. But I manage, and sometimes I get help from my older daughters." Yolanda, the oldest, is the mother of two who also manages to run a business. Isha is an aspiring lawyer, and Lyndrea is a computer planner.

Oracene was a nurse from 1985 to 1991. "I worked in hospitals and also did home care. I liked home care better, because my hours were my own and I could also go on the court with the girls. We were able to arrange things so Richard was able to teach the girls as well as run a security business. When we first

days Emma was No 1, and his ring-leader of eight Davis Cup triumphs made their country also supreme.

In Black Butt, with its two-man police force and 2,000 inhabitants, the present No 1 Sampras, is considered the Stalker. He's trying to wipe out their guy from the record book, a worse crime in those parts than a bomb rattling or diluting the beer.

"Oh, I don't mind seeing Sampras get beat. We like having the record," says Kevin Allery, a 70-year-old Black Butt native and Nanango shire councillor.

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Correct. American Bill Tilden, with seven US and three Wimbledons between 1920 and 1930, was the first man to hit double digits in the majors. Another American, Helen Wills Moody, preceded him and had 13 of her 19 by 1930.

Tilden, dead 14 years, fell to Emerson in early 1967 as Roy beat Arthur Ashe at the Australian for No 11. Four months later he beat team-mate Tony Roche to again win the French, that deep mystery for Sampras.

"Looking back," Emerson says, "I can't imagine how Laver didn't top me. He had 11 after his 1969 Grand Slam. Or Borg after he won his sixth French in 1981 to go with his five Wimbledons."

"The Curse?" "But Pete will do it, and I'm cheering for him. A great player and a great sportsman. Plenty of time. He's only 26. I was 30 when I won my last."

Emerson had "no intention of setting a record." Sampras, who has set his heart on it, is the better player, with fiery serve, huge forehand, greater variety. But Emma, a 21-plus long jumper as a schoolboy and daring vollyer, may have been the better athlete. Certainly he was the more complete, holding the doubles record too, 16 majors.

Strengthening those volly-punching wrists "by milking thousands of cows as a kid," Emerson is nonetheless bullish on his stalker. "Pete plays a beautiful game, and is a good role model for kids. More power to him," he says.

Emma's mate, Allery, remembers: "Wonderful family, the Emersons. You could tell young Roy had the goods. We'd go over to the court on their farm to play weekends. Home-built, red anted court. Common in the country. Knock over those ant or termite hills that look like fire plugs, spread it out and roll.

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Hallowed timber. He ought to



Wimbledon winners: Pete Sampras (left) and Roy Emerson



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send a piece to the International Tennis Hall of Fame at Newport, Rhode Island, where Emerson was enshrined in 1982, and put up a plaque in the two bitumen town courts on Hart Street saying: ROY

EMERSON PLAYED HERE!

Sampras - "surprising myself, I didn't know what I was doing" - became a major threat at 19, winning the US of 1990. By 1993 he got seriously by seizing Wimbledon, starting

a string of nine victories in 17 major starts.

But failure in the last three has made Black Butt burghers bubbly. If Pete the Stalker slops this time at SW19, "Curse" theorists may be dancing in Coulson Street, the town's main thoroughfare.

"I don't think so," cautions Allery. "We don't dance in the street." Maybe the kangaroos, koalas and emus get in the way.

Can Sampras beat the curse?

Bud Collins on the strange world that produced Roy Emerson, holder of the 31-year-old Grand Slam singles record

refugee from a dairy farm outside of Black Butt (named for a local tree), Emerson divided his dazzling dozen like this: two each in 1961, 1964, Wimbledon (1964, 1965), and French (1963, 1967), plus six Australian (from 1961 to 1967). Sampras is at 10 - and counting? Or cursing? Borg and Laver stopped at 11, Connors and Lendl at eight, Newcombe at seven, McEnroe at six.

"I don't know how it lasted this long, 31 years," says Emerson, a 51-year-old teaching pro domiciled in Miami and currently conducting a summer of seminars in Switzerland, at the Palace Hotel at Gstaad.

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Mirror image: Serena (left) and Venus Williams enjoy a close relationship despite their on-court rivalry Chris Cole/Empics

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Rusedski challenge depends on fitness

BY JOHN ROBERTS

REGULAR READERS of these pages with long memories might recall that in January your correspondent tipped Greg Rusedski to win Wimbledon as a postscript to a page of the year's tennis. There was no escape clause, but the British No 1's damaged left ankle warrants a drastic revision of the prediction.

Rusedski, the fourth seed, declared himself fit to play yesterday, and his first-round match has been scheduled for tomorrow against Mark Draper, an Australian qualifier, ranked No 287 in the world (not to be confused with his younger brother, Scott, the winner at Queen's).

So where does that leave the intrepid pundits? Even if Rusedski's ankle holds firm, will he still have sufficient confidence and stamina for a campaign demanding seven victories over the best of five sets? Or will doubts erode his customary single-minded approach and leave him stranded short of the quarter-final place he achieved a year ago?

For Rusedski to be a viable contender for an honour denied to British representatives for 62 years, he needs to be sharper than at any time in his career, able to synchronise a mighty serve with crisp volleys, potent returns and punishing groundstrokes. He needs to be everything Richard Krajicek was when the Dutchman won the title in 1996.

As for the slice of luck all potential champions need along the way, Rusedski's seemed to disappear the moment his ankle turned as he ran to play a volley during the Stella Artois Championships 10 days ago. All in all, it would appear prudent to back Rusedski another year.

A less than 100 per cent Rusedski would leave Tim Henman as

Britain's lone ranger as far as a serious challenge is concerned. Although the 23-year-old from Oxford advanced to the quarter-finals in each of the past two years, his recent form suggests he will do well to match that, let alone stretch himself over two further hurdles to ultimate glory.

Hennman's opening match against the Czech Jiri Novak, scheduled third on Court No 1 today, might possibly coincide with live television coverage of England's World Cup match against Romania in Toulouse. The order of play committee decided it was only fair to allow Novak time to arrive after competing in the final of a clay-court Challenger tournament in Zagreb yesterday.

Rusedski is not the only player whose preparation has been hindered by injury. Krajicek has a sore left knee, Anna Kournikova is nursing a bruised right thumb, and although Martina Hingis was hitting the ball with gusto on the practice courts yesterday, the 17-year-old defending women's singles champion has experienced twinges in her right wrist.

Kournikova, who damaged her thumb in a fall towards the end of an impressive win against Steffi Graf at Eastbourne last Thursday, continues to have treatment. In common with Hingis, the 17-year-old Russian is not due to play until tomorrow.

Hingis first experienced pain in the wrist shortly before the French Open, taking the precaution of practising left-handed on two days in the lead-up to Paris. Acupuncture relieved the problem, but it recurred after playing basketball following a few days' inactivity. Hingis began practising at Wimbledon last Friday, and was smiling as usual yesterday.

When it became clear that Steffi Graf was succeeding in her race against time and aching limbs, Hingis was asked how the other play-



Steffi Graf clutches the Wimbledon trophy after her last singles title triumph in 1996

Kevin Lamarque/Reuters

ers would react to having to play the seven-times champion on her favourite courts.

The Swiss world No 1 recounted that she was drawn against Graf on her first two visits to the All England Club after graduating from the juniors. On both occasions, Graf won in straight sets on the Centre Court, in the first round in 1995 and in the fourth round in 1996.

"When I was told that I had been drawn to play Steffi Graf in my first-ever match on the Centre Court at Wimbledon, and I knew about it the Tuesday before the tournament start-

ed, I didn't want to go," Hingis said. "That's what it's like to be drawn against Steffi Graf at Wimbledon."

On this occasion, Hingis and Graf can only meet in the final. Hingis, the No 1 seed, is drawn in the same half as two of her teenaged rivals, Venus Williams and Kournikova, and two frustrated former finalists of a certain age, Jana Novotna and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

Novotna was in splendid form in winning the Direct Line Insurance Championship at Eastbourne, defeating Sanchez Vicario in the fourth round and play her old foe Monica Seles in the quarter-finals. Not losing a set all week. It was

astonishing to realise that this was the Czech serve and volleyer's first triumph in a grass-court tournament. Her Wimbledon prospects have soared, but doubts concerning the strength of her nerve on the big occasion persist.

Graf was on the verge of petulance over some of the lines calls during her match against Kournikova at Eastbourne, but at least her mind was on something other than injuries. She is projected to exchange forehands with Mary Pierce in the fourth round and play her old foe Monica Seles in the quarter-finals.

If Graf is able to return to her task of pain in the early rounds, she is capable of building sufficient momentum to go all the way to an eighth title and leave Wimbledon with more cherished memories.

The very notion of a Brit winning the men's title shows just how open the event might be, particularly since Pete Sampras, the four-times champion, has not been his usual dominating self so far this year. Petr Korda, Pat Rafter, Yevgeny Kafelnikov and dear old Goran Ivanisevic are queuing up for the master's crown. As with Graf, however, Sam-

pras's experience and class may tell.

Andre Agassi, back in contention after working hard to convince that he means business, made an interesting point about Sampras. "He's proven too much to me for me to think for one second that he's going to let things slip," the 1992 champion said. "He has no business to have no confidence. The guy's a great player. He can turn it on at the right time. If he doesn't post well at Wimbledon, then I'll say, 'OK, something's a little off with him. But the guy can go right back to Wimbledon and, hands down, win it.'

BY JOHN ROBERTS

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1 PETE SAMPRAS

Born: Santiago, Chile, 12 August, 1971. Home: Orlando, Florida. Height: 6ft 1in. Weight: 125lb. Plays: Right-handed. Winnings: £20.25m. Wimbledon record: 1st rd (1989), 1, 2, SF, W, W, OF, OF, OF.

The great American's motivation has been called into question of late, but he regards the lawns as a second home. Another disappointing French Open on the slow clay or Parc will be forgotten as he puts his mind to winning a fifth Wimbledon title, which would extend his Grand Slam total to 11.

2 MARCELO RIOS

Born: Santiago, Chile, 26 December, 1975. Home: Santiago. Height: 5ft 9in. Weight: 10st. Plays: Left-handed. Winnings: £2.5m. Wimbledon record: 1st rd (1995), 1, 2, 3, 4.

Was Boris Becker's last Wimbledon victim, but he's come to 'boom' in a year ago. Has a superb ground-stroke style, which - it's the mood takes him - could see him through the draw, at least until faced with a natural serve-volleyer.

3 PETR KORDA

Born: Prague, Czechoslovakia, 23 January, 1968. Home: Monte Carlo and Florida. Height: 5ft 10in. Weight: 11st 6lb. Plays: Left-handed. Winnings: £6.99m. Wimbledon record: 3rd rd (1988), 1, 1, 2, 4, 2, 4, 4.

Came closest to eliminating Sampras last year, pushing the world No 1 to a fifth set in the fourth round. The talented Czech subsequently defeated Sampras in five sets in the fourth round at the US Open and scissor-kicked his way to glory at the Australian Open. Has the pedigree

to make it to the final at Wimbledon this year.

4 GREG RUSEDSKI

Born: Montreal, Canada, 6 September, 1973. Home: London. Height: 6ft 4in. Weight: 13st 8lb. Plays: Left-handed. Winnings: £1.99m. Wimbledon record: 1st rd (1993), 1, 2, 3, 4.

But for an ankle injury he would have fancied to become Britain's first men's singles champion since Fred Perry in 1936. He has the game: provided the serve is consistent and the return is working; and the determination, but lack of practice and concern about the injury might impair his confidence.

5 CARLOS MOYA

Born: Palma, Majorca, 27 August, 1976. Home: Barcelona. Height: 5ft 7in. Weight: 9st 9lb. Plays: Right-handed. Winnings: £1.85m. Wimbledon record: 1st rd (1996), 2.

Won the French Open as the No 12 seed, defeating a Spanish compatriot, Alex Corretja, in the final. Brought up on clay courts, and also adept on medium-paced grass, as he showed in advancing to the final of the 1997 Australian Open. Success on grass would be major surprise.

6 PAT RAFTER

Born: Mount Isa, Queensland, Australia, 28 December, 1972. Home: Fremantle, Bermuda. Height: 5ft 11in. Weight: 12st 7lb. Plays: Right-handed. Winnings: £3.05m. Wimbledon record: 3rd rd (1993), 2, 1, 4.

The popular Australian appears to have gone into under-drive since defeating Greg Rusedski in the first round of the US Open last September. Has been unable to lift his game so far this year, but a few tips could play his way into form and light up the tournament.

7 YEVGENY KAFELNIKOV

Born: Sochi, Russia, 18 February, 1974. Home: Sochi. Height: 5ft 3in. Weight: 12st 3lb. Plays: Right-handed. Winnings: £6.29m. Wimbledon record: 3rd rd (1994), 2, 1, 2, 4, 2, 4.

Has spoken confidently about his prospects since winning the grass-court tournament in Halle, Germany. Has been drawn against the big-serving Australian Mark Philippoussis in the first round, which is the sort of match calculated to give the Victor heart for a stirring performance.

8 CEDRIC PIOLINE

Born: Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, 15 June, 1969. Home: Paris. Height: 5ft 9in. Weight: 12st 7lb. Plays: Right-handed. Winnings: £4.53m. Wimbledon record: 1st rd (1991), 2, 1, 4, 2, 4.

Swears by his grass-court preparation, but was disqualified for remarks to an umpire at Nottingham last week. One of the sport's bridesmaids, he's been a beaten finalist in 12 tournaments. Was runner-up to Sampras at Wimbledon last year and also at the 1993 US Open. May run out of steam.

9 STEFFI GRAF

Born: Berlin, Germany, 14 June, 1969. Home: Brühl, Germany. Height: 5ft 7in. Weight: 9st 9lb. Plays: Right-handed. Winnings: £1.85m. Wimbledon record: 1st rd (1990), 2, 1, 4, 2, 4.

Will she confound her rivals, young and not so young, by winning an eighth title after being out of the game for the best part of a year? Has shown encouraging fitness and form in the few matches she has been able to play in preparation, and is not here just to wave to the well-wishers.

10 TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY AT WIMBLEDON

2.0pm start on Centre Court and Court One; 12.00 on others

Seeded players in capitals

COURT FOUR: S Draper (Aus) v R Schuttler (Ger); O Baranovschi (Rus) v A Dechaine-Balleret (Fr); C Van Garsse (Bel) v F MANTILLA (Sp); P Lubian (It) v SPIRLEA (Rom).

COURT FIVE: A COETZER (SA) v K-A GORDE (Rus); M PHILIPPOUSSIS (Aus) v Y KAFELNIKOV (Rus).

COURT ONE: A Calatrava (Sp) v A AGASSI (Us); M SELES (Us) v M Sanchez Lorenzo (Sp); T HENMAN (GB) v J Novotna (Cz); D. Rusedski (Cz) v P. Korda (Cz).

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COURT THREE: N Zverev (Bel) v R McQuillan (Aus); D Sapsford (Aus) v S Smith (GB); A Smetskova (It) v M Lucic (Croat).

COURT SEVEN: M Ventu (Ven) v S Cacic (Croat); D Bracciali (It) v M Lee (GB); J Gambill (Us) v S Schalken (Neth); Y Yoshida (Japan) v E Ulstrup (Denmark).

COURT EIGHT: T Haas (Ger) v R Delgado (Par); M Tillstrom (Swe) v A Radotesc (Par); T Snyder (Us) v P Hy-Boulain (Can) v M Babolat (Fr).

COURT NINE: S Pitkova (F) v K-N Mandl (Aus); A O'Brien (Us) v K-C Carter (Us); S Lereau (Can) v R Renfrew (Us).

COURT 10: N Sawamatsu (Japan) v B Paulus (Aut); D Wheaton (Us) v N Escude (Fr); C Moraru (Us) v M Maruska (Aut).

COURT 11: K Boeger (Neth) v M Seeki (Japan); Fang Li (Ch) v R Grande (Ukr); S Niedermann (Fr) v O Lujana (Ukr); D. Perdona (It) v M Millman (Us).

COURT 12: M Mazzoli (It) v P Suarez (Arg); T Kerrea (Fra) v D Naumkin (SA); A Sugiyama (Japan) v S Pischke (Aut); T Rydahl (Swe) v H Gumi (Arg).

COURT 13: M Petkay (GB) v M Gustafsson (Swe); M PIERCE (Fr) v E Nemeckova (Cz); A Dechaine-Balleret (Fr); S Niedermann (Fr).

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The home challenge: Britain's No 2 embarks confidently on quest to return the family silver to its rightful place

Henman unfazed by expectation

BY JOHN ROBERTS

IT WAS Douglas Burd, having switched from politics to the financial markets, who coined "Wimbledonisation," a metaphor for the City's creation of beautiful conditions in which foreign players (banks and securities houses) can come to this country and win.

The mega-rich tennis players from overseas are lined up for another killing at the All England Club, and good luck to them. Loss of prize-money hurts less than loss of face as we dream wistfully of seeing a Brit's name engraved on the family silver.

Greg Rusedski's ankle injury may have taken the edge off his chances of a realistic shot at the title over the next fortnight. Tim Henman, on the other hand, is not inclined to shy away from a positive view of his prospects.

"Can the expectancy get any greater?" the 23-year-old from Oxford said with a laugh, acknowledging that his two successive appearances in the quarter-finals had primed the public.

"I definitely believe I can go further than the quarter-finals, and if I could win one tournament it would definitely be Wimbledon. But also I understand that if I go out there and have a bad day and not play well, I could lose to a lot of people in the draw. And that's what you have to be aware of. But I feel that I've got a pretty good chance, perhaps as good a chance as most."

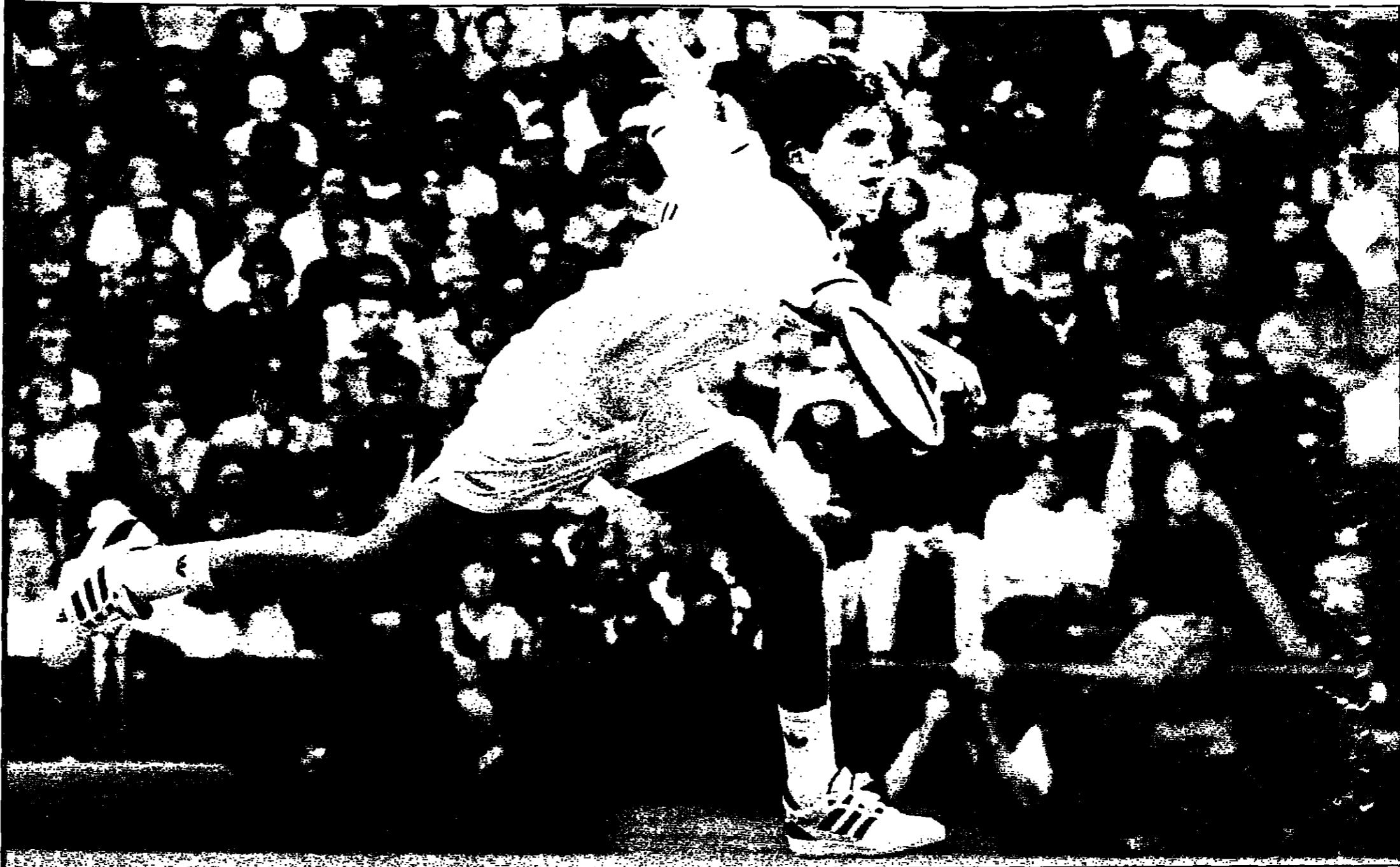
So tennis is coming home? "I definitely believe that one day I could win Wimbledon. But having said that, when I look at my game and the way I'm developing, I'd still say it's another two or three years before I'll be playing my best tennis, where I've reached my peak. So when other people start talking about winning Wimbledon this year, I think I've got a good chance, but I think also it's fair to say that in a couple of years I'll have an even better chance."

The American Todd Martin halted Henman in 1996, and Germany's Michael Stich proved too adept and experienced for him last year, when the 1991 champion bade farewell to the sport after losing to Cedric Pioline in the semi-final.

"On both occasions I had good opportunities," Henman reckoned. "In the first one I actually played pretty well against Todd Martin. And that was a typical grass court match. But to play Stich, to play Cedric Pioline, while very tough matches, I think both were matches I feasibly could have won."

The notion that British players have an advantage on grass tends to be misleading. "My advantage is that I've played on grass since I was 11 or 12, and it suits my style of serving and volleying, as you know," Henman conceded, "but I play on it four weeks a year, and that's it. We probably don't have quite as much of an advantage as people think."

Some visiting players consider that the more they play on grass, the



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David Ashdown

worse they get. "I think after four weeks on grass you're volleying pretty good," Henman said. "But you miss a lot of returns and miss a lot of passing shots over that time, and you don't actually hit many balls. On grass you can practise for an hour and barely break sweat, because of the nature of the points."

Given home advantage and confidence in his grass-court game, Henman is aware that so much else can go awry. "You have to ask Pete [Sampras], but to win a Slam – and he's done it 10 times – I think it's fair to say you need an element of luck, you need a few things to go your way. This is something that comes into it. So if it doesn't happen this year, then I've still got plenty more opportunities."

The same applies to Rusedski. "With his serve on grass, I think a lot of people will say he's got as good a chance as anyone, because it is so difficult to return them."

Having done what he can to sharpen his game, is the No 12 seed prepared for the latest bout of "Wimbledonisation"? Wimbledon is always going to be a chaotic time, it's always going to be the greatest focus of attention. But that's just something you have to learn to deal with. It's just the nature of the tournament. It's my nationality. And people are going to be wanting to know what I'm up to. But I've always realised that it goes with the territory, so I haven't had a problem with it. You want to just concentrate on your tennis and you hope that it doesn't interfere with what you're trying to do."

Step by step, Henman is rounding out as a personality. "My perspective and my expectations of myself, I think are increasing all the time. Most importantly, I don't think I've changed fundamentally as a person, and that's where I think I'm lucky with the people that I respect and those people who I think have an input into what I'm doing."

"It's been evident that David [David Felgate, his coach] has had quite a lot of criticism this year, but at the end of the day it's what I want [that matters]. That is the way of the press. They're always going to want something to write about, and there are going to be times when they pick on other areas. But David and I are just happy to get on with what we're doing."

"At first, when I had a lot of things written about me, at Wimbledon '98, I tried not to read what had been written. It's obviously difficult to avoid when you're on the front page of every newspaper, but I think now I'm becoming less and less aware of it. I can understand now that it's not worth worrying about. At the end of the day I don't really care what other people want to say or think, because for me it's only worth listening to those people that I respect and those people who I think have an input into what I'm doing."

"I think David had to understand that and learn that maybe quicker than he expected, because I think that was the first time he really came under fire. What I find a little bit surprising when I look back over that period where I was having a tough time, is that I was the one who was putting in some really poor performances, and he was the one getting the blame. David's there to help me, but I'm the one who goes out there and hits the big serve, makes the volleys and hits the passing shots, and I'm also the one that serves the double-faults and chooses the wrong shots. He helps me, but I do the winning and also I do the losing."

"It's about getting me ready. I may have made my adjustments, but I haven't changed my game for years. It's all about preparing me so that I'm ready every time I step on the court, and for sure David knows me better than anyone in that regard. We've worked together for maybe six years

now. We understand each other pretty well. It's a relationship that's worked very well. Why change something that's working? It's a pretty large jigsaw puzzle, and I've definitely got all the pieces there. It's just a question of learning how to use them in the right way and putting them all together. I'm doing that, but it's going to take time. There are times when I can be a little impatient but I know that when I do put all the pieces in place then I think I'm going to be a very good player."

If we are to experience another case of "Wimbledonisation," who are likely to be major players? "I'm sure Pete will be the favourite, but I think [Pat] Rafter and [Petr] Korda – I don't think [Marcelo] Rios is going to be a threat at Wimbledon. We'll be a threat."

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when it all came together for him in Melbourne he was definitely playing as good a tennis as anyone, but one of his problems is that he can be a little bit inconsistent."

Rafter, who defeated Pustisic in the final of the United States Open last September, has suffered motivational problems. "I think at the moment Pat is struggling a little bit more than people might have expected. He's not playing quite as well as he did at the end of last year, but I think the surface is always going to help a player of his style."

Does Andre Agassi pose a threat?

"I think this year he's shown to people that his comeback's for real. On grass he's surprised a lot of people with his style – serving and staying back some of the time and dominating more with his returns. I think with him the weather plays a big part. If it's dry, the courts get hard, the ball bounces a little bit higher; that's when he could be dangerous."

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1997 P Sampras (US) bt C Pioline (Fr) 6-4 6-2 6-4
1996 R Krajicek (Neth) bt M Washington (US) 6-3 6-4 6-3
1995 Sampras bt B Becker (Ger) 6-7 5-2 6-4 6-2
1994 Sampras bt G Ivanisevic (Croat) 7-6 7-6 6-0
1993 Sampras bt J Courier (US) 7-6 7-6 3-6 6-3
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1988 Edberg bt Becker 4-6 7-6 6-4 6-2
1987 P Cash (Aus) bt I Lendl (Cz) 7-6 6-2 7-5

Women

1987 M Hingis (Swt) bt J Novotna (Cz Rep) 2-6 6-3 6-3
1986 S Graf (Ger) bt A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) 6-3 7-5
1985 Graf bt Sanchez Vicario 4-6 6-1 7-5
1984 C Martina (Sp) bt M Navratilova (US) 6-4 3-6 6-3
1983 Graf bt Novotna 7-6 1-6 6-4
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Novotna in title-winning form

JANA NOVOTNA, so close to being a Wimbledon winner in 1993 and 1997, has proved she is in the right form to make it this time lucky.

Lack of experience, Novotna believes, cost her the title five years ago when she developed stage fright and threw away a third-set lead to lose to Steffi Graf. Injury took its toll last year. The personable Czech pulled an abdominal muscle in the semi-finals and struggled to reach the final where she lost in three sets to Martina Hingis.

"To win Wimbledon you need to be lucky, you have to be healthy and you have to play well," said the 29-year-old.

Novotna before the start of her latest Wimbledon campaign today.

All three factors came together when Novotna won the Eastbourne tournament on Saturday – her first grass-court final win in 12 years of professional tennis.

The world No 3 looked fitting fit as she delighted the Eastbourne crowd with a master class in grass-court tennis to defeat Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 6-1, 7-5.

Novotna's deft touch at the net, her energetic running and intelligent game reminded the crowd that grass demands a finesse which is too often lacking.

The world No 9 beat Black 6-3, 6-2 to gain revenge for his defeat when the pair met in the third round at Queen's last week.

The pair had both won semi-finals indoors earlier in the afternoon, but a break in the weather allowed them to contest the final outside.

Bjorkman, the second seed, never allowed Black to settle, starting out with some big serves and breaking his opponent, the world No 40, in the third game of the first set.

The Swede then broke Black again after a stunning return of serve to take the first set.

He looked set to run away with the contest in the second when he took his first service game to love and then broke Black immediately. But the Zimbabwean rallied and, aided by a Bjorkman double-fault, broke back to trail 2-1.

Bjorkman came back to break again in the sixth game and then comfortably eased to a deserved victory.

The last time I beat him [Black] was in Australia this year," Bjorkman said. "I was really serving well there and that's what I did today."

The Swedish No 1 said he was delighted to be running into form just ahead of Wimbledon.

"For this year my biggest goal has been Wimbledon," said Bjorkman, who is seeded No 11 when Wimbledon starts today.

"I'm feeling very strong at the moment," he added. "I feel like I'm getting back my self-confidence, so it will be a different match than last year's." Bjorkman, a semi-finalist at the Heineken Trophy in Rosmalen yesterday.

Bjorkman, who has struggled to rediscover last year's form, which saw him rise to No 2 in the world rankings. But in the Netherlands he picked up his fourth career title with a 7-6, 6-2 victory.

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Novotna wears an abdominal support on court. Her unorthodox serving action, which sees her arch her spine to an awkward angle, does not help.

"Sometimes I do wish that I had a much easier serve but what can I do?" she asked.

Seeded third at the All England Club this week, Novotna is in Hingis's half of the draw and meets fellow Czech Sandra Kleinova in the first round.

Teenagers Anna Kournikova and Venus Williams are both in her section but Novotna believes youth will not prevail this time.

"Experience at Wimbledon will play a major role," she said. "I think to win Wimbledon you need to get into the final once or twice first."

Graf, she believes, will be dangerous in her comeback to Wimbledon after the seven-

times champion missed last year's event through injury.

"She was playing extremely well, she was moving well," Novotna said. "She definitely will be a threat."

Hingis became the youngest Wimbledon champion in the Open era when she won last year at the age of 16 years, nine months and five days but Novotna believes youth will not prevail this time.

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Just like Jana Novotna has done, in fact.

PATRICK RAFTER issued a Wimbledon warning that his game was back in order after beating Czech Martin Damm in straight sets to win the Heineken Trophy in Rosmalen yesterday.

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but Damm seemed to lose his concentration at the start of the tie-break when the umpire called wide a smash which appeared to hit the line.

Rafter, who won last year's US Open, went on to win the tie-break 7-4.

Damm, ranked 45 in the world, failed to recover from the ruling, and then managed to drop his opening service game of the second set to give Rafter the advantage. The Australian broke Damm again in the seventh game to seal the match.

Damm, who hurt his right shoulder during the French Open, said the injury was again troubling him. "But I don't want to blame my loss on the injury. I lost to a great guy on grass," Damm said.

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Second Test: Hussain and Stewart offer some resistance but are unable to prevent crushing victory by South Africa

Spineless England are trounced

By DEREK PRINGLE
at Lord's

South Africa 360 & 160
England 110 & 264
South Africa win by 10 wickets

THIS TIME there was no miracle as there had been in Johannesburg three winters ago, for Lord's is rarely kind to its own. Instead, it was the visitors, South Africa, who, by playing the more knowing and necessary cricket, made short of the longest day winning the second Corbhill Test by 10 wickets, to go 1-0 up in the series.

Only the customary mirage, this time thrown up by some late heroics from Nasser Hussain, who scored his seventh Test century, and a fighting half-century from England's captain, Alec Stewart, prevented the innings from being a rout. Mind you, after the home side's abysmal collapse for 110 on Saturday, at the hands of Allan Donald and Shaun Pollock, cricketing realists would have seen it as a minor triumph that England, following on 250 runs behind, made South Africa but again.

Yet we live in times of unreal expectations and England's collapse after lunch, when they lost six wickets for 11 runs in under an hour was atrocious, and most of the middle-order batted with less spine than your average invertebrate.

Indeed, against what was essentially the support bowling of Lance Klusener and Jacques Kallis, whose spell of four for three in 25 balls contributed to his best ever Test figures, it was an unacceptably poor performance. The odd head will surely roll before the next Test at Old Trafford.

"Obviously we're disappointed, but full credit to South Africa," the England captain, Alec Stewart, said afterwards. "We had the better of the Edgbaston Test, but they've done well here. It's not all doom and gloom. We've got good players, as we showed at Edgbaston."

There are three matches left. We have to try to win all three, or at least two of the three. We know we are capable of beating them and we look forward to evening things up at Old Trafford."

Since their return to the international arena, resilience has been something of a South African speciality, a quality England most likely to appear to lack. South Africa nearly always manage to turn un-

promising situations on their head. A classy new ball attack helps, but so does their attention to fielding, which helps to lift and bind a team as it confronts its foes.

"We knew it would be difficult on days one and two," Hansie Cronje, South Africa's captain said. "But we felt that if we could get a reasonable score we could put England under pressure. With Jonty batting so well that he made me look like an inexperienced amateur, we were able to do that."

In truth there is rarely a moment when England are not under the cosh these days, though when the fourth day began there was none of the cloud cover that had helped contribute to their rout in the first innings, when the ball had swung and seamed appreciably.

In fact the only thing hanging over England, who resumed on 105-2, was the impending punishment about to be handed to Mark Ramprakash, for the dissent he showed in England's first innings, when umpire Darrell Hair gave him out.

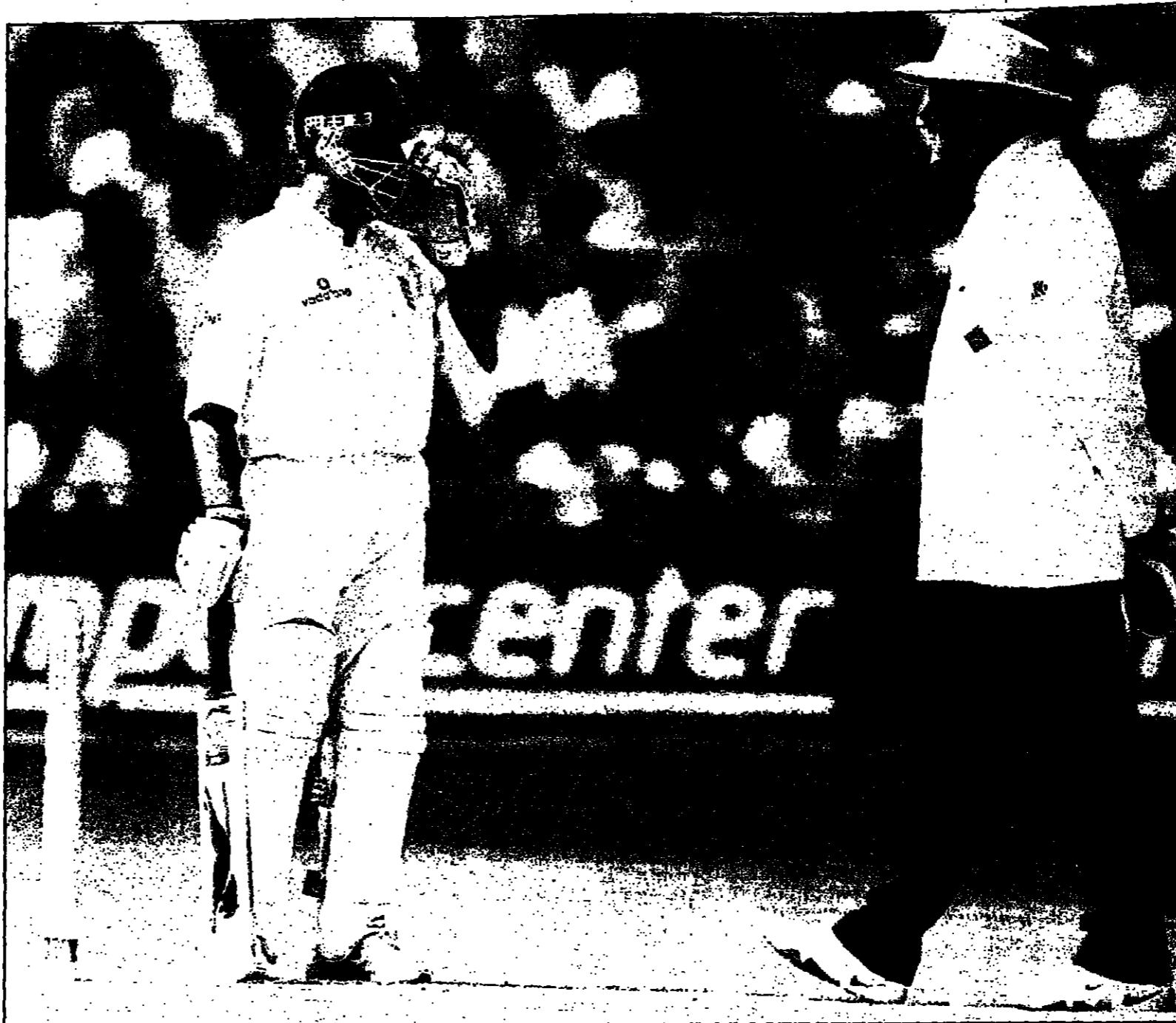
Need to bat at least until lunch today, the riposte did not begin auspiciously when Dean Headley, the nightwatchman, was out to the 12th ball of the morning, producing a simple pad-bat catch to silly point off Paul Adams.

Bowling from the Nursery End,

and extracting a considerable amount of turn, as well as some inconsistent bounce, Adams looked like he might finish England off quickly. Certainly England needed luck against him and Klusener. Both Stewart, on 17, and Hussain, on 57, were dropped, after the latter had survived an lbw appeal against the left-arm spinner that looked stone dead.

Until South Africa took the second new ball Hussain and Stewart ground away like fatidic apothecaries, using pestles and mortars. Hussain in particular owed his team a score, following his appalling flat-footed scythe in the first innings, and it took an effort of immense fortitude for him to do so.

With hardness of the new ball restoring Stewart to the role of quasi-opener, runs were suddenly added at an alarming rate, 40 of them coming in just six overs. In some ways the spree showed England what they are missing by employing him in the middle-order, and for a brief moment either



Mark Ramprakash and Darrell Hair at Lord's yesterday. Ramprakash was fined for showing dissent after the umpire gave him out on Saturday Peter Jay

side of lunch, after Hussain had reached his hundred and Stewart had passed fifty, England looked capable of saving the match.

But as is often the case in batting collapses that involve England, the catalyst - it was in Antigua a few months ago, when a careless run-out caused seven wickets to fall for 26 runs - was out of all proportion to the damage caused.

On this occasion it was Stewart, pushing forward to a Kallis outswinger, who was given out caught behind. The TV replay showed he was unlucky, as was Graham Thorpe, who having survived an appeal for caught behind - a brilliant decision as the ball actually shaved his stump - was then given lbw to a ball that pitched well outside leg stump.

In the first ball of the next over, Hussain's six and a half hour stay was ended with another contentious decision, the batsman probably just getting his pad outside the line of off-stump to Klusener's yorker. Four balls later, Ramprakash left nobody in any doubt as his off-stump was uprooted by Klusener's yorker. Incredibly it was his fourth

duck in six Test innings at Lord's and he looked like a man fully expecting the hangman's noose rather than one receiving a fine and a suspended one-match ban.

A last-wicket flurry by Robert Croft and Angus Fraser ensured South Africa would bat again, though the inconvenience was brief, Daryl Cullinan opening in place of Adam Bacher, who had

earlier injured his shoulder diving to prevent a boundary.

Need to 15 to wrap up victory, they duly won off the first ball of the second over. With almost a day and a session to spare, few can deny the advance in their cricket since Edgbaston. If a similar improvement is made over the next fortnight, England are likely to face another fallow summer.

Three overs later Nasser Hussain played half forward to Lance Klusener with his bat behind his pad. The ball hit the pad first and then the bat as it came through. It looked a good decision from Mr Hair but Hussain waited longer than he should have done.

Allan Donald was just as guilty as the Englishmen when George Sharp refused to give Hussain out, caught off bat and pad at short leg in his last over before lunch. The replay showed what a good decision it was and yet Donald spun round with disbelief and covered his face with his hands.

It is a dreadful reflection on contemporary cricketers that they refused to accept the umpire's word or, in their dissenting agreement, try and make the umpire look foolish. It is also a damaging reflection on those who orchestrate the side from the dressing room.

If match referees do not become a good deal tougher over their reaction to dissent it will soon descend to open warfare in the middle.

At the end of this match Mr Burki has said that he wants to meet with the captains and the managers before the third Test next week at Old Trafford. I very much hope he will not rince his words. Some of the behaviour at Lord's has been disgraceful.

Suspended ban for Ramprakash

By DAVID LLEWELLYN

MARK RAMPRAKASH yesterday became the first English cricketer to be handed a one-match ban for dissent after being found guilty of dissent in the second Corbhill Test at Lord's. The Middlesex captain was suspended for six months after match referee Javed Burki ruled that his "dissent was both physical and verbal".

It happened in England's first innings, after Ramprakash was given out, caught behind, by umpire Darrell Hair. Television replays later showed that the ball from Allan Donald had clipped the batsman's elbow rather than the inside edge of his bat.

"We are disappointed for Mark," intoned Stewart, picking his way through a verbal minefield since ICC regulations prohibit anyone from making any kind of comment about disciplinary decisions. "But he has been dealt with by the match referee." Ramprakash was told of his punishment before went out to bat in the second innings, when he went for a four-ball duck. He had wanted the news withheld until his innings was over.

There was the suspicion that the punishment had weighed too heavily on him and had, perhaps, had a bearing on his second-innings performance. But Stewart said: "It must have been on his mind, but I don't think you could blame any-

thing that happened last night or this morning on what happened to him."

Stewart, who projects the right sort of image for the game in this country, according to England and Wales Cricket Board chairman, Lord MacLennan, made it very plain that he was unhappy about being given out, caught behind for 56, when he and Nasser Hussain were compiling what threatened to be a fair-saving partnership. Stewart left the square shaking his head, and even stopped to see if there was a replay of his dismissal on the screen at the Nursery End. Later he said: "Whenever an umpire gives me out, that's when I go."

But dissent is not confined to batsmen. Donald's histrionics,

in his final over before lunch, when he thought he had Hussain caught at forward short leg, were certainly worthy of punishment. What the actions of these two have prompted is a meeting with Mr Burki before the Old Trafford Test, specifically to discuss what is and is not expected of players in these situations. These meetings usually take place with the captains and the coaches, but the Manchester get-together will include both managements.

As for the England collapse, Stewart, clearly unhappy, admitted: "On this occasion we were hardly beaten. They took the game away from us in their first innings and then rolled us over for 110. We were never in it after that."

Smith hits out to tame Derbyshire

By John Collis

ALTHOUGH THE term "pinch hitter" was inaccurately borrowed from baseball it has now established its cricketing meaning, and few players pinch their hits better than Warwickshire's Neil Smith. Not for him the languid elegance of classical correctness - he trades in brutal and effective short-arm jabs.

In partnership with his skipper Brian Lara he put on 126 in 21 overs, creating the platform for a potentially daunting start.

Veteran pace bowler Cardigan Connor took three early wickets as Derbyshire slumped to 57 for 5, a position from which they never recovered.

They owed the respectability of their 160 for 9 to their acting captain, Kim Barnett, who finished 52 not out.

Connor finished with 3 for 27 and Derbyshire's total never troubled Hampshire despite the early loss of their opening batsman John Stephenson.

Smith featured in three important partnerships, first with Giles White and Paul Whittaker, then with Dimitri Măsărenă.

The Derbyshire spin bowler Glenn Roberts was rewarded for a tight spell with figures of 2 for 21.

Until yesterday Lara's best contribution to the Sunday game this season has been 15, but he showed glimpses of his eminence yesterday, as much in the subtle dabs and gaps around the wicket as in his seven boundaries.

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applied and Warwickshire - who trade at the Bears on the sabbath - decelerated, setting just under a run a ball when at least 7. an over had once seemed likely.

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Surrey slump as Tudor concedes 38 in one over

Surry 146 & 254-1 dec
Lancashire 151-7 dec & 250-4
Lancashire won by 6 wickets

place in the county table over the leaders.

Flintoff hammered 61 off 24 balls, with five sixes and seven fours, as Lancashire raced to a victory target of 250 in 53 overs with almost nine overs to spare.

He hit 34 in the over from Tudor, but the paceman also bowled two no-balls which cost two extra runs apiece, making 38 - a total unmatched in first-class cricket.

Only Gary Sobers and Ravi Shastri have scored more runs in a single over than Flintoff, both hitting sixes.

Flintoff hit the first ball for six, then four consecutive fours, before dispatching the sixth and seventh for further sixes. Poor Tudor managed to a bowl on his eighth and final delivery of the over.

Earlier, Nadeem Shahid had an unbeaten 126 and Ian Ward 81 against declaration bowler off 35 (six stuns). A Flintoff off a Tudor, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525,

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Stewart in swing for the 'old men'

BY ANDY FARRELL

in San Francisco

When Payne Stewart went round to congratulate his fellow Orlando resident Mark O'Meara on his US Masters victory earlier this year he offered the prophecy that this was going to be the season of the 'old men' at golf's major championships.

Stewart and O'Meara are both 41. By this time last year, Tiger Woods had won the Masters at the age of 21, Ernie Els had added his second US Open title at the age of 27 and Justin Leonard was a month away from his Open victory at Royal Troon, aged 25.

Golf was a young man's sport, apparently. Yet this is a time when there has never been a greater incentive to keep playing the game at the highest level for as long as possible. Vast prize-money, modern equipment, better fitness regimes and the lure of the Seniors tour have all contributed to players extending their careers.

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Experience can still play its part and has been a crucial commodity at such a finicky course as Olympic. That is why Stewart, who began the final round as the only man under par and with a four-stroke lead, was chased by four other major champions in Tom Lehman, Bob Tway, Nick Price and Lee Janzen. All but Janzen, who is 33, are at least 39.

With the course drying out considerably on Saturday, the sloping fairways and the tiny greens became almost impossible to hold and it was in the third round that the honorary Jack Fleck role became vacant. Both Matt Kuchar the amateur who celebrated his 20th birthday yesterday, and Lee Porter, a 32-year-old professional of no previous acclaim, fell out of contention with rounds of 76.

Fleck beat Ben Hogan in the first US Open played at Olympic in 1955, when Bill Stewart, Payne's father, shot rounds of 83 and 88. Hogan and Fleck tied at seven over. "My mind said the rough was knee

high," Stewart said. "So maybe they're taking it easy on us this week."

Stewart won the USPGA Championship at Kemper Lakes in 1988 and then the US Open at Hazeltine two years later, when he led after every round but had to rally from two behind with four to play to get into, and then win, a playoff against Scott Simpson. That year, Stewart did not play in the Masters because he was injured. Neither did he this year, for the reason that he did not qualify since his only win in the meantime came at the Houston Open in '85.

"It's hard to motivate yourself to come out here year after year, to work at it and bust it," Stewart said. "I don't want to blink and suddenly my kids are in college because I know once they go to college, they'll probably never live under our roof again."

"So if I have the opportunity to spend time with them, by reducing my schedule, that's what I'm going to do. I'm at the stage in my career where I don't worry about where I finish on the money list. But the majors are important to me."

Stewart was partnered yesterday by Lehman, making it the fourth year in a row when the 1996 Open winner has been in the last pairing at the US Open. Lehman birdied the 18th on Saturday to record a 68 on a day when the average score was a shade over 74. Over the first three rounds he had six puts on the 18 green, four of them coming on Friday when the pin was in a diabolical position.

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"You know you are in for a big fight. If you don't feel up for four days of busting your bums and never giving up, it can deplete you even before you start. You have to come in knowing that it's going to be tough, it's going to be difficult, it's going to test you emotionally, it's going to test your nerves and it's going to test just how much stamina and perseverance you have."

Certainly Lee Westwood

showed many of those qualities

in the third round when, despite

starting the day at six over and

well down the leaderboard, his

70 left him just four strokes be-

hind second place. He was in

sight of a finish in the top 15, to

earn a return trip next year, and

it's going to test just how much

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Recalling the worst moment of my career

IT IS vital that the destroyers in the England team, players like Paul Ince and David Batty, retain their discipline against Romania tonight. Staying calm and disciplined is vital at this level of the game. I speak from bitter experience, having suffered my blackest day in football at the 1986 World Cup in Mexico when I was sent off in England's second game against Morocco.

It was a baking hot day in Monterrey, something like 105 degrees, and I was getting a trifle warm. We had lost Bryan Robson 10 minutes before with a dislocated shoulder, and the team as a whole were feeling the pressure of both our opening game defeat against Portugal and a lacklustre start against the



RAY WILKINS

African side. I had been booked earlier for a mistimed tackle and when we launched a break up-field, I was pulled up for offside, which I felt was rather harsh.

Frustration boiling over, I threw the ball into the ground and it bounced up and hit the referee, who then showed me a second yellow card and ordered me off the field. It is often recalled that I threw the ball direct at the ref, but I assure you that, if that had been my intent, I'd have made sure I hit a different part of his anatomy.

I had a wonderful playing career and I wouldn't change any of it, but that was a bad moment for me. It was a dreadful feeling to have to trudge off the field knowing I had become one of the few players to be dismissed playing for England, the only time in fact that I had been shown the red card in my career.

It made it so much worse that England had lost two captains in

the space of 10 minutes. I received a two-match ban from Fifa and, although I was named as substitute against Argentina in the quarter-final, it was to be the end of my World Cup. It was not a nice memory to take away, but these things happen.

In this competition I have been thrilled by what we have seen in the early games, but it worries me now, with more and more crackdowns by officials, that teams are not going to be so willing to adopt a positive approach.

An inevitable result of all these red cards, for challenges that are nothing more than mistimed, is that defenders will hold back from tackling and teams will make sure they have plenty of bodies back behind the ball. The games

will become tight affairs and the spectacle will be reduced.

What is Fifa looking for? After all, football is supposed to be a contact sport. They were right to put the emphasis on the dangerous tackle in advance of the tournament, because it put defenders on their guard and warned them to be careful when making a challenge for the ball. That was noticeable from the early games as defenders stood up and went about their jobs correctly.

Now we have a situation where the Saudi Arabian player was sent off against France when he didn't deserve to be, the tackle just didn't warrant it at all, although I have to say that Zinedine Zidane deserved his red card in the same game. There is no place for stamping or raking studs down an opponent's back and he deserved to go. Now the referees have been placed under even more pressure - and we have seen what happens.

I am surprised that Michel Platini, a player of such world renown, should be behind this latest offensive. To my mind it cannot help this tournament, or the game at large.

Football, played as the game should be played, is a glorious entertainment and does not need these rule changes.

My other concern about tonight's match in Toulouse is that the Romanians are a very skilful side and will need a lot of watching. They won their qualifying section at a stroll and boast players of good

technical ability. They can pick you apart if you allow them the room.

We can beat anybody on our day but we can take nothing for granted because Romania will be full of confidence after defeating Colombia in their first game.

We will have to be focused and I have no doubt Glenn Hoddle will have the team in the right frame of mind. It is a full week since England's first fixture and they have had time to get their thoughts set on the next job in hand after the satisfaction of the Tunisia performance.

This should be a useful benchmark to indicate just how far England are likely to go at these championships.

Adams rested and raring to go

BEING FORCED to sit around and watch on all but one of the 13 days that Glenn Hoddle's England squad has so far spent in France might have caused problems beyond the coach's control. But fortunately for Hoddle there has been little evidence of falling out or fighting among the troops, and one or two tales of unexpected resourcefulness.

Alan Shearer and Teddy Sheringham have occupied their spare time by taking bets on the tournament, while others have amused themselves in interviews by trying to insert as many song titles as possible into their answers.

The undisputed champion is Tony Adams, who managed five in a two and a half minute interrogation. But before England flew to Toulouse yesterday for tonight's Group G encounter with Romania, the defensive linchpin was in slightly more serious mood.

"There are two ways to look at the time we had without a game," Adams said. "It's been a good rest, hasn't it? If our guys had had to play again on Thursday after the heat of Marseilles on Monday, they might not have been ready."

England's defensive stalwart is in confident mood ahead of tonight's crucial match. By Richard Smith

"But the negative side of it is that you're actually away for a long time. It can get a little boring and you just want to get out there and play again. But that's not surprising: 'Nobody needed motivating for that game,'" he said. "The players are all good professionals and we just needed a few pointers in certain directions."

The attitude of the England side in the opening match was if anything more impressive than the result. Adams, however, was not surprised: "The win over Tunisia was important for morale."

Adams' own display in that match was just one of many significant influences on the way the England side performed, particularly as the defenders were under pressure to adjust to the new regulations. Adams is not too concerned about that.

"I got worried a couple of days ago when we had the five sendings-off in one day after the memo from Platini went round," Adams said. "And I think it's a good thing. Obviously it encourages forwards to play, which is great, and good defenders can adapt."

"It's a balance, isn't it? You can take it to extremes and encourage diving as well, so we've got to be very careful. But that's out of our control, it's down to the referee."

"It can affect people in different ways. If people get nervous, they can go into their shell, they can hide. Going back to my debut when I was 17 years old against Sunderland I gave a goal away in the first minute but I was pretty damn pleased with my reaction. I kicked a few people, I made a few tackles and a few headers, we still lost but I was pleased that I didn't give in."

As far as today's opponents are concerned, Adams is under no illusions. "I think they're an excellent side," he said. "And not enough has been said about them. Ilie looks like one of the best players in the tournament. He's actually left-footed but he scored a great goal against Colombia with his right foot."

Hagi on his day can cause problems. They've got good wing-backs and defensively they look pretty strong as well.

"But, whether we beat Romania or not, our goal is to qualify. We'll be trying to beat Romania so that we can qualify in two games, but we're realistic as well. I'm not saying we'll play for a draw, but they're a very good side, probably the best side in the group that we have to play."



Tony Adams stretches during training for tonight's match against Romania in Toulouse

Adam Butler/PA

Romania stay relaxed

THE ONE detail that stood out when Romania limbered up at the Municipal stadium in Toulouse on Saturday evening was how relaxed they appeared to be in preparation for tonight's match against England.

Grateful for the cool breeze which coincided with their arrival on the banks of the river Garonne, the Romanians proved more agreeable than expected, raising no objection to scrutiny and interrogation.

In such circumstances the work being done is of no more value in assessment than watching a fighter shape up to his reflection of a golfer on the practice ground. Importantly, however, there was nothing to suggest that Romania's coach, Anghel Iordanescu, is the least bit concerned by the slight injuries reported last week after the 1-0 defeat of Colombia in Lyons.

Apart from the first-choice goalkeeper, Bogdan Stoenescu, whose confinement to the touchline was explained as a precautionary measure, all the Romanians took part in the vigorous six-side matches that followed the usual routine of stretching exercises.

Of greater concern to Iordanescu is the rift caused between his players (nothing new in football) and the Romanian press corps by criticism of Stoenescu following the 2-2 draw to which Romania were held by Paraguay when preparing for the World Cup finals. "It has been very silly," one of the Romanian sports writers said.

danescu's mind to play for the point that would put Romania within reach of qualification for the second round. "That would be a dangerous policy," he said. "We have enough technical ability and World Cup experience to win the match and although I have been told that England are very confident, they may be worried about us, especially as they gave up opportunities for Tunisia to score against them last week in Marseilles."

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Meanwhile, Iordanescu appears confident that his team can give England plenty of trouble in Toulouse, pointing out that Romania's colours have not been lowered by them since a 1-0 defeat at the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico.

"Partly from what I've seen, partly from speaking with Dan Petrescu [the Chelsea wing-back has been heavily involved in the build-up to tonight's match], I know about technical developments in English football," Iordanescu said. "But if England no longer concentrate so much on direct play, they still send in lots of centres and are very strong physically."

Apparently, it is not in Iordanescu's mind to play for the point that would put Romania within reach of qualification for the second round.

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Operating a version of 4-4-2 with Gheorghe Popescu - who still mutters darkly about his time at Tottenham - as the covering central defender, Romania continue to draw inspiration from Gheorghe Hagi. At 32, and after 111 appearances for his country, Hagi remains the strolling orchestrator of Romania's offensive play, wandering in midfield, sometimes

taking a rest out wide to replenish his energy.

Hagi, too, dismisses the idea that that would be Romania's best policy against England. "We didn't play for a draw against Colombia and there is no reason why we should think differently about this match," he said. "Comparing our players with theirs, Romania need not feel inferior. If we win, then we go to the next round, so victory must be our main objective," he added. "We are playing to be first in our group and have the men to achieve it."

Nobody more, Hagi thinks, than Romania's principal attacker, Adrian Ilie, who has improved no end since joining Valencia in Spain. Ilie's soubriquet the Cobra springs from a description of style by Valencia's coach, Claudio Ranieri. "Ilie has a way of playing that causes defenders to lose concentration, then he strikes when they least expect it, just like a snake."

When this was put to Hagi after Ilie scored against Colombia, he smiled. "A big talent," he said. "He has learned a lot very quickly since going to Spain and could be one of the big stars in this World Cup."

A star himself in the USA finals four years ago, Hagi relishes the prospect of testing David Seaman with free-kicks.

"You have not practised them here," somebody said to him on Saturday evening, and Hagi grinned. Romania did not mind an audience, but they weren't about to show us anything that might matter.



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Facing a battle on two fronts



EAMON DUNPHY

AFTER ALL the anticipation, some sense of anti-climax was inevitable. Almost two weeks into the tournament we have seen much that is ordinary, little of the sublime, too many so-so matches. Austria v Cameroon, Mexico v South Korea, Bulgaria v Paraguay, for example.

The powerful football nations – Spain excepted – are cruising towards the real tournament which starts next weekend with the second phase, where failure means a bus to the airport and the long journey home.

Nothing I have seen causes me to revise my original opinion that Argentina are the most likely champions. Despite being rather fortunate to beat Japan in their opening game Daniel Passarella's side look the part even when playing well within themselves, to the point of carelessness towards the end of their first game.

Japan proved game and admirably fluent. Although a minor football power, the Japanese played the game intelligently, passing and moving in a manner that puts much Premiership football to shame. The same can be said of Paraguay, who almost embarrassed Spain in St Etienne on Friday night.

In stark contrast to Japan and Paraguay, Norway have declined to play the game as it should be played, reminding us of nothing so much as an average Premiership side on tour.

It would be good for football, and this World Cup, if Brazil give Egon Olsen's men a spanking tomorrow in Marseilles. And of course victory for Brazil will help Scotland's cause which, thanks to the demeanour of their coach Craig Brown, his players and their fans, is acquiring a certain nobility.

However it is England's match against Romania in Toulouse tonight that commands more immediate fascination. As I write Toulouse is tense but peaceful. By the time your newspaper is delivered, that may have changed.

How to cope with the travelling English hooligans has, sadly, pre-occupied the host nation since Marseilles a week ago. As always, it seems, authority can only summon anguish, and new measures when faced by the challenge of English blaggards. Should Toulouse, and subsequently other host cities, endure the trauma of Marseilles last weekend then serious questions



Romania's Adrian Ilie, who could be a major threat to England tonight, scores the winning goal against Colombia last week

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might be asked about English participation in international football competitions.

Is it really acceptable given all we know, all that has been inflicted on the citizens of Dublin, Rome, Marseilles, that English hooligans should be allowed to blight the pleasures of all unfortunate enough to cross their path? Of course not.

The sardonic arrogance of Alan Clark, a former government minister, who said the hooligans are merely being English in the traditional sense can be dismissed as a yobish wind-up. More profoundly depressing is the hand-wringing of the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, as he talks of increasing prison sentences to six months.

Why not six years? As things stand the English hooligan is a man to be reckoned with. The attention of the international media and

politicians such as Clark and Straw provide a considerable psychological boost to his ego.

More status is conferred by the erection of the stage on which our hooligan friends perform; the vast security operation created at great expense involving international police forces across the continents. By such means the English hooligan is gratified, noticed, indeed institutionalised. Why not simply stop known terror-spreaders travelling? And those who offend should go to prison for years rather than months when they are caught. More outbreaks of this English disease would be intolerable.

To blame Fifa for failing to ensure a proper allocation of match tickets is to miss one point. The behaviour of English fans is England's responsibility, not Fifa's. International football's governing body does,

however, have the obligation of ensuring that cities hosting their games – and fans attending those games – can enjoy the experience free of fear.

Bearing that in mind, trouble in Toulouse, or elsewhere during this tournament, must pose questions about England's future participation in international football. In the arena England made a very impressive start against Tunisia. Glenn Hoddle's critics are wrong to seek success by reference to Tunisia's apparent inadequacies. England never allowed Tunisia the time and space to play.

Forcing the pace, passing and moving with conviction and purpose, creating and then taking their chances, England's was the most striking World Cup debut of any competing nation.

One performance will not dissolve reservations about Glenn Hoddle's

modus operandi. His critics are, however temporarily, on the back foot. Hoddle's most contentious decision preference for Darren Anderton over David Beckham, while not being vindicated, was rendered irrelevant by a splendid team performance. Paul Scholes was outstanding. Alan Shearer menacingly aggressive as always. Graeme Le Saux tackled crisply and delivered beautifully flighted crosses. Paul Ince and David Batty comfortably controlled midfield. Gazebo could be forgotten, a sideshow.

Tonight the Romanians will provide a sternest test of England's players and in particular the Hoddle system: 3-5-2. Tunisia's fleeting opportunities allowed one glimpse where better sides may hurt England, down the gullies, in behind the wing-backs where there is too much space.

An ageing team, with dodgy morale, Romania still field players of sufficient quality and experience to pose substantial questions. Adrian Ilie, Marius Lacatus, Dan Petrescu and that old rogue Gheorghe Hagi will not exactly be spoiling for a fight, but there is enough guile and ability in this Romanian team to provide us with a true measure of England's potential. Alas, as far as the English are concerned, the merit of their team is only part of the story.

As I conclude this piece, the voice of Graham Kelly echoes in the background assuring, in plaintive tone, a television news reporter in Toulouse that things are tense but the hope is that that is true.

That sport will be tomorrow morning's front page story cannot be held with any real conviction. 3-5-2 may be the least of England's troubles.

DIARY

AFTER LEAKING eight goals to Mexico and the Netherlands, South Korea may wish they had toned down their advanced publicity. They have yet to win a game in the finals, though to read their media guide one might assume they are a global power. Alongside their statistical profile runs a one-line cameo. Kim Tae-young is a "Sticky defender in an incredible fight", Choi Sung-yung is, confusingly, "the witty little giant" and Seo Yung-won has the unfortunate moniker "Son of the Wind". The squad are collectively described as the "Invincible Korean Warriors" which ironically was the very adjective used by their now-sacked coach Cha Bum-kun, to sum up the Dutch.

WHEN A German voice got through on the telephone to his room at Scotland's hotel in St Rémy-de-Provence, Paul Lambert assumed it was a colleague playing a practical joke. The caller claimed to be a dentist offering free dentures to Lambert's room mate, Craig Burley, who had a toothless grin after scoring against Norway. In return, Burley would visit the dentist's neighbourhood to coach local children. Lambert, who gained a European Cup winners' medal with Borussia Dortmund, considered the German spoken to be so good he advised his Celtic colleague that the approach was genuine. Burley certainly looks the part, a change of hair colour from brown to bleached blond giving him a timely Tentoon look.

PAUL McDADDY and his new wife Mo Casey, England Travel Club members, are honeymooning in France, have been rescued by the FA after only Paul gained a ticket for today's game. His wife wrote to the FA asking if they could also find her one and eventually they did, even rearranging their allocation so the newly-weds could sit together. However not everyone is happy. A friend of the couple has sent off his own missive to the FA saying: "Have I got to get married to see England?"

Scary choice of gay or hooligan

"ARE YOU gay?" Actually, it wasn't a question, it was more like, "You're gay, then."

"What?" I couldn't quite believe my ears. I'd only met the bloke about ten seconds before.

"Gay – you know, homo, queer."

"No, I'm not gay," I said, nearly choking on my Evian.

"Thank Christ for that," he said. "You don't mind me asking, do you? It's just I wouldn't be able to sleep a wink all night for thinking about it if I hadn't asked."

We were on the Toulouse night train from Paris and we had ended up in the same sleeper compartment. Just the two of us. I eyed the guy closely as I stood next to him in the corridor, watching the silhouetted landscape flash by. Crewcut, T-shirt, broad grin, early thirties.

"You?" I said.

"What?"

"Gay?"

"No way," he said. "I'm married."

The missus is not too pleased I'm here, either."

We both breathed a sigh of relief. Now we'd totally cleared the air. Neither of us was gay. We were going a hell of a long way to spend several hours in a tight spot with several thousand other guys watching men in shorts, but we weren't gay. We were straight.

"You a hooligan, then?" Neil,

ANDY MARTIN

AT LARGE IN FRANCE



from Reading relegated from First Division this year after reaching the play-off the year before), had probably the most direct line in conversation I'd ever come across, and would have been a natural for a job with the Spanish Inquisition. Again, it was more like, "You are a hooligan, I suppose." Serves me right for getting my hair cut short before I came over.

So these are the two options left open to the England fan: gay or hooligan. There is no middle ground. Sadistic violence or homo-eroticism, you choose. Either you beat the living daylight out of any passing citizen, or he'll assume you're bent. Perhaps this is the secret neurosis of every Category C. I couldn't help noticing that World Cup kit was flaunted at the Gay Pride parade in Paris on Saturday when Ronaldo was voted the sexiest player of the year.

But the question of sexual tendency was not Neil's only anxiety. "Where'd you get a drink around here? I want to get a few beers in before getting my head down."

We soon discovered that this was a dry train. It was going hundreds of miles and taking eight hours to do it and there was not a drop on board. Not even Coke. We couldn't believe it. There were about a thousand England fans on board going down for the match and no beer can Neil was fuming. "No drink for you – you're a hooligan. They treat you like a hooligan, it's enough to make you start acting like one."

Neil had run into Lemmon Lewis on the Eurostar and with his characteristic bluntness (a) got his autograph (b) took his picture and (c) said: "Lemon, you're going to have to lay off the lager, look at the gut on you." The Lewis entourage held

their breath, but Lemmon benevolently lifted his baggy shirt (misconstrued by Neil as fat) and displayed his perfect six-pack abs to demonstrate that he was, in fact, fighting fit. Neil wasn't wholly satisfied though, since this giant of a man, head and shoulders taller than he was and twice as broad, with hands the size of prize cauliflower, was going to the Jamaica game in Paris instead of following England down south.

"Lemon," he said, "first you go off to Canada, then you come back, but you're supporting the Reggae Boyz. You have got to get yourself sorted!"

As we bedded down for the night – Neil on one side of the couchette or "courgette" as he called it) still complaining bitterly about the drink-free zone, I on the other – he gave me his theory about the Marseilles aggro. "You see, the French, they don't like the Marseillais – all North African, aren't they. They'd like to be shot at them. So they sent the English boys in and said, 'Go on, you sort them out for us.' It was like the Normandy landings all over again."

And it is true that, when I was in Paris, Virginie grabbed my arm and said, "Don't go, c'est la guerre! You won't come back alive." But in Toulouse they don't seem to want liberating. Not by the British anyway.

Giant screens have been dismantled (potential flash-point), bars ordered to close early (although 11 pm allows for a lot more drinking than on the train), and an entire music festival postponed until after the England game. I went to Toulouse, but it was closed.

The reputation of the Anglia is so fearsome that even I am worried and I am one of them. As the ticket inspector on the train said, "I just hope you don't lose. Look what happened when you won."

Almost as soon as I got out of the station my worst fears were confirmed. There, lying in wait for me at the café across the street, was a whole gang of classic English hooligan-types. Skinheads, with the odd mohican, regulation tattoo, steel-toe caps, zipper jackets, the works. Oh-oh. This is the bit where I finally get my head kicked in. I should have listened to Virginie.

As I sauntered non-confrontationally, by deaf to requests for loose change, I realized either these guys have the most impeccable French accents ever, or they actually are French. And, as I headed down the street in my T-shirt, that was a shade too tight, and my Headwork surf shorts, and my DM sandals, and the well-toned muscles, I could almost hear them thinking, "Lui? Il est gay."

BY PHIL SHAW
in Avignon

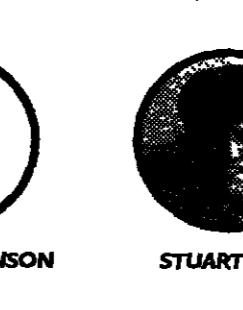
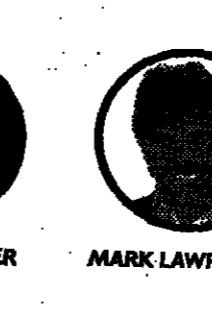
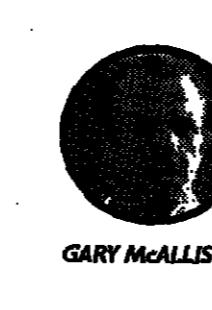
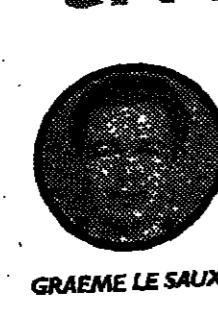
their capabilities yet," he said. "But the style of play they favour – the long, diagonal ball over the top of the full-backs – is ideally suited to dismantling the Brazilians."

Scotland's starting line-up in the Geoffroy Guichard stadium is likely to be the one which finished so strongly against Norway in Bordeaux. Brown will certainly retain Craig Burley who equalised minutes after switching from wing-back, in the central midfield role he favours with Celtic.

The only selection quandaries concern whether to move Christian Dailly from the left flank to replace Burley and bring in Tosh McKinlay, or to leave the Derby player where he is and use Jackie McNamara on the right. At the back, where Colin Calderwood's injury has created a vacancy, Brown said it was a "toss-up" between David Weir and Matt Elton.

Calderwood is back in the camp, albeit with a heavily bandaged hand. Professor Stewart Hillis, the team doctor, described the wiring holding together the Tottenham defender's hand as "like a Meccano set". Billy McKinlay, who had also been ruled out of the Morocco match, is now given a slight chance of recovering

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Glyn Griffiths

Naughty, naughty Fay!

Marvel at her manicure! See how she shops! Fay Weldon, Old Feminist Icon, has become an account-card-carrying member of the Harvey Nichols tendency

GIRLS! ENVISAGE Fay Weldon and me, if you can, ricocheting with excitement around Harvey Nichols. We have half an hour to spare before our manicure appointment - yes! manicure appointment! - in the beauty salon. See us racing giddily from linens to perfumes, from designer womenswear to over-priced handbags.

Sisters, I wish I could tell you we aren't enjoying ourselves, but we are. Sisters, I wish I could tell you it isn't easy unpicking 25 years of feminism, but it is. See me purchase a Paul Smith T-shirt! Look at Fay - naughty, naughty Fay! - urging me on. "Have it! Have it!" See Fay buy a little Italian, fake animal-skin, very Scary Spice handbag (£110) with matching very Scary Spice make-up bag (£70). See Fay pay. More, see Fay pay with her Harvey Nichols account card. Fay! A Harvey Nichols Account Card! You're an old hand at this! You're Tamara Beckwith in disguise! "I am! I am!" Fay cries happily.

Girls, if you've ever wondered what happens to Old Feminist Icons, here's the answer. They become New Babes. They even feel sorry for poor ickle men. Oh Fay the Poor Men. Fay has taken to saying of late,

It started with a newspaper article she wrote last year and it's been rumbling on ever since. Alternatively, it could just be Fay being mischievous again. She's a terrible rascal. Still, I love her for it, almost as much as I love my Paul Smith T-shirt and my now beautifully-manicured, remarkably purple nails. Although not quite, of course.

Sisters, before you start feeling too betrayed, let me help you get the measure of Fay. OK, she can come out with a lot of tosh at times - pity the poor men indeed! - but that doesn't make her any less of a na-

tional treasure. Or less of a serious figure. She's said a lot of very important things over the years, and still says a lot of important things. Don't forget it! Plus, readers, she is just such ludicrous fun to be with.

Our manicure appointments are for 3.30pm. I'm not too sure how this manicure business came about, actually. I think it's just that when we had our first conversation on the phone, she said she needed her nails done, so I said: "Ohh, I'll have some of that too. Yes, please!"

We first meet at 1pm, in the super-smart Fifth Floor Restaurant. I confess that I have never been to Harvey Nichols before. "No!" exclaims Fay in disbelief. However, I continue, I do appreciate this is quite a very glamorous place and, as such, you must appreciate that if

someone like Lulu, say, turns up, I'll have no choice but to tip you off your chair. She laughs one of her soft, fluffy, easy, laughs. She has, as it turns out, nothing to worry about.

The only other person of note here today seems to be Thora Hurd, who is quietly sitting in a corner while quietly getting even older, if such a thing were possible.

Actually, it's hard to imagine Fay being out-glamoured by anyone, even Lulu. She's 66 and utterly beautiful. Soft white skin. Soft blue eyes. Soft plump arms. Soft blonde hair. A splendid ledge of bosom.

She's been HRT-ed, yes, but why not? "Nature is not on the older woman's side. It does not behove any woman over 45 to worship nature or approve of anything because it's natural. Why side with the enemy?"

I say I'm nervous about our appointment in the beauty salon. Beauty consultants terrify me. Indeed, over the years, I've found it much easier to just keep doing my make-up as first copied from a diagram in *Jackie* magazine back in 1974. Fay is sympathetic. "I was brought up with a smudge of blue, until such time as I realised it was not only vulgar and crude, but also did nothing for one's appearance." She goes on to recommend a girl called Ginny, who works on the Clarins counter at Harrods. "She always gives a very good assessment, I find."

I add that Harrods is another excellent place for a manicure. "My hands are terrible. Too much dishwater over the years. But at Harrods they're so accustomed to women who muck out horses, mine are nothing compared to theirs." Fay has a good line on everything.

Some people, I know, are not such huge fans. They say Fay is not really serious. She's just a jumped-

up copywriter, an entertainer with an eye for a good gimmick. In some ways, they're right. She is entertaining. She does have an eye for a good gimmick. She was once a copywriter. It was Fay who, famously, coined "Go To Work On An Egg" for the Egg Marketing Board. Less famously, she also thought up Swoop as the name for the birdfood. "And I'm really rather proud of that, too." So, yes, she is all these things. But she's also a great deal more, besides.

Ever since her first novel, *The Fat Woman's Joke*, was published in 1966, she's been out there, making mischief and subverting the received wisdom. There have been some 30 books since - including *Lives and Loves of a She Devil* and *The Cloning of Joanna May* - plus a number of plays and TV adaptations. Her subject - the gender battlefield explored as a kind of black comedy - quickly became her own.

Yes, her men were always hateful - vain, cruel, idle, selfish. And *Continued on page eight*

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Let's all blame Mrs Thatcher

IT'S COMING home, it's coming home. Probably rather sooner than we would have hoped, football's coming home.

If it's not the ruthless Romanians, it will be the niggly Nigerians or the French fanny-merchants or those Brazilians, cynically deploying their superior ball-skills. We cling to the fantasy as if believing will somehow bring it closer, but, deep down, we know that, soon or later, some twinkle-toed foreigner is going to tango his way through our lads and the dream will be over.

Are we ready for this moment? For any country, it would be difficult; for us, now the world's most sensitive and emotionally vulnerable nation, it could signal a wholesale psychic collapse. There will be rage, confusion,



TERENCE BLACKER

England's defeat will signal wholesale psychic collapse

public weeping. Huge seismic shifts in political attitudes will take place. Families will fall apart. Tearful, red-eyed gangs will roam the streets, desperate to express their pain with bottle, boot or fist. Those who can't find a convenient target will simply beat themselves up.

None of this is necessary, so long as we are prepared for the worst and know, precisely and in advance, why the unthinkable has happened.

1. We gave the world this game and what did they do? They changed it.

Those sneaky little tricks, backheels and bicycle kicks - and Blanco Bounces and triangular passes that you can't even see on the action replay, are all very well in their place - on a beach, in a barrio, barefooted kids playing kickabout with a coconut between the grass huts - but on the pitch, in the greatest tournament in the world? Surely not.

Our lads may be left taking thin air or sitting on their arses facing the wrong way but, at the end of the day, they will be the true winners. They played football the way it was meant to be played.

2. We gave the world this game and what did they do? They transformed it into a military exercise, cynically

introducing tactics, formations, teamwork, the joyless teutonic efficiency of the parade-ground into the free-flowing game that we invented. They may have scored more goals than us but, in a deeper, aesthetic sense, we were victorious.

3. Mind you, they'll do anything to bring on a footballer, these so-called smaller nations. You know how they manage those handy-legged runs? They take young footballers away from their villages and remove a small bone from the back of their knees which later in life enables them to do things our lads would rupture themselves even thinking about.

Fair enough, if that's your attitude to the game, but it's just not part of our culture.

4. To be fair, our lads did very well considering they had been transported to a foreign country with inferior cooking, appalling weather, a poor disciplinary record when it comes to sexual morality, not to mention a habit of staying up well into the night discussing life, love, freedom and other things which simply keep our lads awake with worry.

5. It may be down to that moment when Dana International won the Eurovision Song Contest. Once we thought we knew where we were - naif competition, being held, hilariously, in Birmingham, loads of dodgy foreigners with silly hairs and platform soles and ghastly songs that we could laugh at in an affectionate, ironic way. What happens? The gorgeous, curvy representative of a country we never thought was in Europe not only wins but turns out to be a bloke. We're on shifting sands, lads, and you don't win World Cups on shifting sands.

6. What the chattering classes and bien pensants of north London refuse to recognize is that it all started going wrong in the let-it-all-hang-out Sixties. Once that sense of duty, self-discipline and respect for parents had given way to a wishy-washy "The Kids are Alright" liberalism, then the next generation was doomed to a wasteland of beer, cigarettes and late-night trysts with bar-girls in lavatories. A direct cultural line stretches from Gazzza's friend Five Belles back to Germaine Greer posing for *Suck* magazine with her legs behind her ears.

7. When did hooliganism become fashionable, and route one football, and getting caught in a bar? When, in fact, did everything start going wrong? You've got it. Thatcher - let's all blame Thatcher.

Miles Kington is on holiday



In the first of a series of photographs this week on the National Trust for Scotland, a tour bus passes the Trust's HQ at Charlotte Square, Edinburgh. Tom Pilston

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Surgeons' awards

Sir: Frank Dobson is entirely right to question the General Medical Council's decision in the Bristol heart surgeons case. The president of the Royal College of Surgeons is wrong in supporting the GMC's penalties and the retention of merit awards by the doctors involved ("Anger at call to ban heart surgeon", 20 June).

How is it logical that a heart surgeon is stopped from operating on 17-year-olds but can do so after their eighteenth birthday?

How can the President of the Royal College of Surgeons defend doctors struck off by the General Medical Council retaining bonuses of £40,000 for life on top of a salary of £28,000?

But then merit awards, already

discredited because of sex and race bias, are given mainly by other senior consultants, for life. To remove one would set a precedent.

Besides, the award committee state "they are not intended - nor should they be seen - as a measure of the quality of treatment afforded to individual patients".

I was always proud to be part of a profession that stood up for patients but I am ashamed at the total lack of humility shown by the response of the President of the Royal College of Surgeons and other members of the medical establishment. They do not speak for all doctors. They certainly do not speak for patients.

The whole medical profession has to take collective responsibility for what has happened. We must apply the test - would I want my family seen by these doctors? If it is not good enough for us, it certainly is not good enough for our patients.

Merit awards, which will cost the NHS nearly £1bn in the next five years, should be based on true merit - quality of service to patients and commitment to the NHS.

Dr SAM EVERINGTON
London E3

The writer is a member of the British Medical Association council

Sir: Frank Dobson has wasted no time in adopting the Prime Minister's example of government by tabloid headline. To state that all three Bristol surgeons should have been struck off on the same day as the Government, quite rightly, announced a public enquiry on the matter is tantamount to saying,

"Don't confuse me with the facts - I have made up my mind."

JOHN CHARMAN
London SW1

Minimum wage

Sir: Far from being "theology dressed up in statistical mumbo-jumbo" (leading article, 19 June), the formula for the national minimum wage proposed by Unison, T&GWU and other leading unions is the only way to ensure that low-paid workers benefit from the full fruits of economic growth. The formula ties the wages of low-paid workers to the general movement of wages, and promotes social cohesion and social inclusion.

Only 6 per cent of all workers would benefit from a minimum wage

set arbitrarily at £3.60, while around 20 per cent would be better off earning half median male earnings (worth £4.60 an hour) as proposed by the unions.

By refusing to agree a formula, and by setting the amount at such a low level, the Government has failed to deliver its promise to end poverty pay.

LIZ DAVIS
London N1

Sir: Why is arguing for a half of the median male wage "theology" (leading article, 19 June)? Are you suggesting that God has a view coincident with that of the unions?

How do you know? Have you had a revelation? Or are you convinced by the argument of liberation theology that God is on the side of the poor?

Not at all. You are being rude about an opinion expressed by those with whom you disagree, and you call it "theology". Why "theology"? Why not call an idea from which you dissent and which you suspect of being dressed up in statistical mumbo-jumbo "journalism"?

The Rev Dr PAUL P J SHEPPY
Barnoldswick, Lancashire

Football yobs

Sir: There is no hope of ever changing the yobish and violent nature of the football thugs while the likes of Helen Macdonald (Letters, 19 June) assert that these hooligans have been failed by the education system and that their "self-chosen crusade" is "brave, by their own lights" because they are defending the "honour" of their country.

In all my years of teaching, as far as I am aware, not one of my pupils - all with learning difficulties - ever resorted to becoming a violent thug because of feelings of inadequacy and in order to "win" at something.

Yes, we do live in a selfish society and it is not easy for the "unsuccessful" but millions of these people struggle on in a decent and responsible manner. These thugs sicken and embarrass all decent and hardworking people. Their behaviour is a stain on our national pride.

Mrs N CLEMENTS
Ilford, Essex

Sir: Should we not congratulate ourselves for having such brilliant leaders? Who else could have thought of it? Yes, have the football hooligans sacked - make them unemployable - so that they and their dependants can become a burden on society and have even more free time in which to cause mayhem.

JACK SANTCROSS
Wembley Park, Middlesex

Sir: Far from being "theology dressed up in statistical mumbo-jumbo" (leading article, 19 June), the formula for the national minimum wage proposed by Unison, T&GWU and other leading unions is the only way to ensure that low-paid workers benefit from the full fruits of economic growth. The formula ties the wages of low-paid workers to the general movement of wages, and promotes social cohesion and social inclusion.

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bars, restaurants, clubs, cinemas and so on. These were rather scarce in Brasilia itself so residents, seeking a night out from the sterile city, would go to one of the satellites where they could enjoy themselves.

Secondly whilst the first generation, uprooted from Rio, absolutely loathed the place their children, at least those now teaching planning at the university, think it is truly a model city.

Third, it was built as a city for automobiles but since Brazil has very little oil, they have to be run on "alcohol" distilled, expensively, from sugar cane, so great use is made of public transport.

Fourth, and most controversial of all, who actually designed it? I was introduced to Costa early in 1969. He was still working at the ministry in Rio which he and others, including Niemeyer, had designed with Le Corbusier as consultant. I had been, the previous day, on a trip to Brasilia and found an English-speaking taxi-driver. After five minutes or so he suggested that, given my questions, I was probably an architect and gave me his card. The driver's name was Jeanneret and he claimed to have an architect cousin - none other than Charles Edward: Le Corbusier himself! What a more he claimed that Brasilia was designed by Le Corbusier: that all Costa did was draw it.

So of course I asked Costa, an excessively modest man, and his response was: "Yes, that's right!"

Of course we shall never know. The ideas surely are Corbusian but whether he conceived the "butterfly" plan may be a rather different matter.

Professor GEOFFREY BROADBENT
Southsea, Hampshire

Sir: I have recently lost my (male) partner after a happy relationship of 36 years.

Everything we built together as a couple was taken away immediately after his death: pensions disappeared and I faced a huge tax bill - including on a half share of our house, which we owned jointly - because the law did not recognise us as partners.

Efforts to reduce the age of consent (leading article, 20 June) and secure equal rights for gay people in the armed forces are laudable, but all these issues will fall into place once full partner recognition is accorded to gay people. This also applies to many unmarried heterosexual partnerships.

LUIS CANIZARES
London SW5

Sir: Cameron Doherty (Film, 18 June) argues that Anna Heche should have stayed in the closet because we cannot believe her character is genuinely attracted to the character played by Harrison Ford (a man - damn!). Does this mean, for instance, that Woody Allen should never be involved with a woman his own age on screen because we all know Soon Yi is much younger? Should he worry about playing opposite non-Koreans?

If an actor's real-life relationships are relevant to the plausibility of a performance, why is the sex of the significant other the only relevant factor?

HELEN DEWITT
London SE16

A price-tag on truth

Sir: Max Clifford is right to warn those who sell their stories that their reputations will for ever be at risk. ("Even a child killer should be able to sell her story", 18 June) He is wrong to suggest the market place is the best regulator of press morale.

The newspaper business is about making money and a chequebook has no morals. If newspapers see it as their function to hand out rough justice every day, they must be prepared to take it. But they have decreed that the Press Complaints Commission they regulate to protect the industry cannot levy a tax on profits when a newspaper breaches the ethical code drawn up by the industry.

Until such breaches come with a price-tag the marketplace will remain littered with people whose lives have been damaged by the cavalier attitude of the press to human tragedy. Our clients are those who fall foul of the media. They can testify to the lasting harm caused when papers turn with spiteful glee on those who take cheques from their rivals.

Buying exclusive rights is the antithesis of press freedom. Suggest that the practice be outlawed and the industry invokes the spirit of Wilkes. The same cry goes up if anyone has the temerity to say that the innocent victims of their circulation wars should be compensated.

If information is in the public interest it should not have a price-tag - and it should be the press who are reminding us, not Louise Woodward.

MIKE JEMPSON
Executive Director
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Bristol

Gays and the law

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The folly of breaking the cross-party accord

IN BRITISH history books, it is often the extended footnote which is more interesting than the main text. And so it is with the tale of Peter Temple-Morris, the Conservative MP for Leominster who yesterday completed his life's political journey and joined Labour. Never a minister, his dazzling white hair did not leave much of an after-image on the nation's television screens. But within Westminster's gothic walls, he was a player, albeit too long on the losing side. He plotted against Margaret Thatcher and for the European cause, and consistently advocated the compassionate, consensual Toryism which had been the centre of British political gravity and could now be again, under a different name. His former colleagues sneered predictably, wondering "how many times one man can leave a party". True, each stage of Mr Temple-Morris's transition has been spun out by the impressaries of New Labour. But they are able to extract so much coverage from successive stages of essentially the same story because Tory-to-Labour crossings are so rare and tell us so much about New Labour's dominance and Tory irrelevance.

Which brings us to the ostensible cause of Mr Temple-Morris's final step - the Tories' break with the bipartisan consensus over Northern Ireland. Mr Temple-Morris has long been at odds with the strident Unionism of much of his former party, but the fact that Labour can attract recruits on this, of all issues, is vivid testimony to the extent of the change Tony Blair has wrought. This was the party once torn apart by arguments over whether the IRA were freedom fighters, which long contained its disagreements behind the oxymoronic policy of Irish "unity by consent". Now it is the party which has achieved a breakthrough which surely promises a future scarred by much less violence than the past 25 years.

And what is the Conservative party's response, as the legislation enacting the Good Friday Agreement goes through the House of Commons, and as the voters of Northern Ireland prepare to elect a new assembly? Along comes Andrew Mackay, the Tory spokesman, and tears up the cross-party accord which underpins the prospects of peace.

It is a tawdry spectacle, and if William Hague thinks this is the sort of foundation on which a Tory recovery can be built, we fervently hope he is wrong. Mind you, Mr Hague's views are hard to fathom. His faith in Mr Mackay was so great that he thought South Africa was the best place for him to be while the Good Friday Agreement was being negotiated.

Mr Mackay yesterday insisted that the Tories "wish



wherever possible to maintain a bipartisan approach to Northern Ireland", but an approach is either bipartisan or it is not. And, apart from one loose phrase in the Commons, from which the Prime Minister had to be rescued by the editor of Hansard, neither he nor the text of the agreement has ever said that weapons would physically have to be handed in for terrorist prisoners to qualify for early release.

This may look like a good populist point to score for an opposition desperate to get noticed, but it is not grown-up politics. It is, unfortunately, impossible to imagine even would-be ex-terrorists handing over their weapons. What matters, in the first instance, is that they

decide to stop using them. The process now moves on to the election of the assembly on Thursday. Sinn Fein's ambivalence on the question of IRA weapons means that it does not deserve the votes it will get, but it will get them, and then there is no question but that its representatives must renounce violence if they want to play a role in governing Northern Ireland.

The Tories' populist point-scoring has distracted attention from that vital point, and Mr Temple-Morris rightly described it as "inexcusable". It weakens the momentum of the peace process. Mr Hague has made a serious mistake, far greater than the carelessness in losing one of his MPs.

Should Labour be thankful for Zinoviev?

THE ZINOVIEV affair is about to be laid finally to rest. As we report today, the Foreign Office's chief historian has been granted access to the KGB's files in Russia, which will almost certainly confirm that the letter which helped destroy the first Labour government was cooked up by the British security services.

Generally, of course, mindless partisanship is a bad guide to government policy. But on this occasion Robin Cook can be forgiven for ordering an inquiry. Far more than the oppression of working people or the beastly treatment of trade unionists, the Zinoviev letter has animated the historical sense of grievance which binds the Labour Party together. It is because Labour thinks "we were robbed" at the 1924 election that the party so hates the *Daily Mail*, which published it, and the Tory party, which benefited from it.

But what if...? What if there had been no Zinoviev letter, no headline "Civil War Plot By Socialists' Masters. Moscow Orders To Our Reds"? What if Ramsay MacDonald had won the 1924 election and turned the first, minority Labour government into a majority one? Then there would have been no General Strike. What would have happened in the Recession is anybody's guess, although perhaps MacDonald would not have been panicked into betraying his party and forming the National Government. But then rearmament would have been even longer delayed and Britain would have lost the war.

Perhaps it is better for Labour's pride that the *Mail* and MI6 did conspire to stop it winning 74 years ago.

Trust our taps

ONE QUARTER of the people of England and Wales do not drink water from the tap. They filter it or boil it or drink bottled water. We suspect that the proportion might be even higher among readers of *The Independent* and *Independent on Sunday*, which broke this news yesterday. Now, we are prepared to make an exception for those in the South-west, who were subjected to large-scale aluminium poisoning a few years ago. But the rest of you are wasting time, energy and money. British water is among the purest in the world. It is only when it comes to getting rid of sewage that water companies have a dirty record. As for the taste argument that is fashionable in London, try this test: put three glasses of bottled, filtered and tap water in the fridge and conduct a blind tasting. Our research suggests tap water wins every time.

Hague should take Disraeli as a role model to deal with the New Whigs

THE GOOD news for William Hague is that he passes his first anniversary as Tory leader with a growing number of well-wishers. The bad news is that they are not, nor likely to become, Conservatives.

Hooked on the practice of self-mutilation, senior Tories were unlikely to let the occasion for modest celebration pass without fixing a salvo into their own feet, and up popped Michael Heseltine to spoil the party by complaining about Mr Hague's Euroscepticism. This has at least made a change from right-wingers briefing covertly against their leader for his supposed laxity on moral and constitutional issues.

Meanwhile, there are sound reasons for non-Conservatives to wish the Opposition a speedy recovery - if not such a complete one that it returns to power in the foreseeable future. One can be supportive of Mr Blair and his desire to create a fairer, more meritocratic Britain, yet conclude that the lack of friction from a strong opposing party is not doing New Labour any favours. Good government demands sound opposition in order to scrutinise its behaviour and prevent it succumbing to the fab of arrogance.

Instead, Mr Hague will set out to out-reform Labour's reforms by calling this autumn for an elected second chamber to replace the hereditary peers in the Lords. This is not the solution I would favour. It is far too likely to duplicate the functions of the Commons and fall into the clutches of the party machines. But tactically, it is a deft move by the Tories because it would emphasize the dangers that a nominated Upper House will become Blairian quango.

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expect to be the cynosure of all eyes in the early days of a government with an overwhelming mandate, he was wise to use this time to improve his party's muscle tone before trying any more demanding policy gymnastics.

Now the Tory leader is beginning to evolve policies that could point out a strain of New Labour vulnerabilities. The early plan of building up a set of three identifiable Tory themes - defence of the existing House of Lords, defence of the pound and defence of the United Kingdom in the face of devolution - has been dismissed as projecting too antiquated an image. It would also play to Mr Blair's strength as a modernizer by making the Tory Party seem afraid of change.

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the same week as the plutocratic peerages were announced, thus creating the impression that the real motto of New Labour might be Guizot's cynically bourgeois philosophy *Monsieur, enrichissez-vous*. Not that it is inherently undesirable for Labour's favourites to be well heeled. Certainly, it is preferable to the days when anyone who had either become wealthy or had ambitions to do so felt bound to ditch the 'high-tax, high-earnings party of the 1980s. But these alliances, while generously tolerated in economic good times, can irritate if the economic situation worsens, as it well might.

New Labour looks more and more like a modern Whig party, allied to the interests of the City (the Bank of England was a Whig creation), more at ease with the rich and famous than the commonalty.

I strongly suspect that the minimum wage row is a substitute for this

broader conflict at the heart of New Labour about its identity.

Whigs have their good side - confidence, authority and a lack of the infuriating chippiness that was such a feature of the post-war Left. Who could be a more genial Whiggish figure than the life-enhancing Derry Irvine, connoisseur of fine furnishings and good wines? Mr Blair, while he is not a accomplished a politician to let it show through his populist mask, is a natural Whig. He has far more in common with the possessors of wealth than the dispossessed.

The New Whigs share the tendency of their historical predecessors in extending their influence throughout the Establishment of the day. In so doing, the party becomes indistinguishable from the Establishment and thus, vulnerable to opposition claims that it has become too distant from ordinary people. The appointment of Simon Lewis, a PR man with strong Labour links, to be the Queen's spin-doctor is the latest sign that a Royal Family, its confidence knocked by the aftermath of Diana's death, has become something of a client-state to the New Labour Establishment.

A second and related Whig theme is the promise to deliver more democratic procedures than the centralizing tendencies of New Labour. By allowing his party a primary on the Mayor for London, free of the kind of machinations New Labour may well embrace to fend off a resurrection of Ken Livingstone, Mr Hague hopes to establish the Conservatives as the party of greater personal and direct democracy than that afforded by Mr Blair.

The greatest weakness of Mr Hague's position remains, however, that people simply do not know who he is. Those bravura performances in the House against Mr Blair are worth very little outside the Westminster beltway, because Parliament is becoming less important in the political process. The traditional Tory position is to lament this. But times change and so does the political arena. Mr Hague's next task is to project himself beyond the chamber without looking a clown. This, as his baseball cap experiment and Blackpool roller-coaster ride showed, is not as easy as it sounds.

In his restoration plans, he has two great home-grown models in Peel and Disraeli. The former's administrative skills and common sense should inspire him in modernizing his party's structure. But he must also avoid appearing to be merely calculating in his reforms: Peel was described as having "a smile like the glint of a brass coffin". The leader of a vanquished party must retain the streak of visionary Romanticism and opportunism married so potently by Disraeli.

Having achieved this elusive blend of characteristics, he must go on to unite two very different traditions in his party - the progressive and flexible with the traditionalist and rigid - and harness their respective energies for the good of his cause. It is a stiff challenge, but not an impossible one for a gifted and determined politician. If Mr Hague needs more inspiration in such an undertaking than the 19th-century can deliver, he can always look at the great reformer opposite him at the Dispatch Box.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is particularly important for it to be understood that actions may be legal without being morally right or socially desirable."
Dr George Carey on the move to lower the age of consent for homosexual relations.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"All intellectual improvement arises from leisure."
Samuel Johnson, English author

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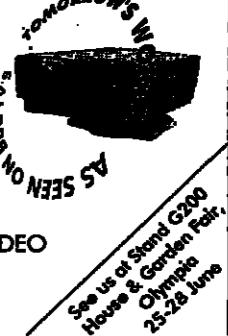
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THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

Predicted outcomes of President Clinton's visit to China

American business leaders and academic specialists.

The Straits Times, Singapore ironically, in trying to move beyond Tiananmen, the welcome

protesters there. Still, in a summit that depends on symbols, both sides hope that the ultimate one may be of Mr Clinton bringing a superpower's sheen and legitimacy to the meeting as the leader of a country that has surpassed all in wealth, technology, military capability and cultural dominance.

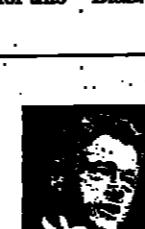
The South China Morning Post

This summit is likely to yield very little of substance. The row the Republicans have whipped

up over allegations that the White House helped a donor to its campaign funds to transfer missile secrets to the mainland has made it politically impossible to proceed with the original plan to lift most remaining post-Tiananmen sanctions in return for further promises from Beijing on proliferation. That means the tangible achievements that come out of this summit are likely to be far less than the international jockeying for position that has preceded it.

Hong Kong Standard
Early on, the White House was looking at a number of possible agreements that could be announced with great fanfare at the end of the summit. Most of these were in the strategic area - lifting or easing sanctions imposed in the wake of the Tiananmen Square crackdown and maybe even greater military co-operation. But it appears increasingly certain that such agreements will be impossible in the current Washington atmosphere.

Washington Post
Scripted around a set of fictions. He joins the Chinese in manipulating himself for their purposes, which he mistakes as identical to his own. The most important fiction coming from the Clinton camp is that this trip is about changing the values and politics of China. In fact, the idea is to get the American public at large to accept the anodyne, uncritical view of China now firmly entrenched in the ranks of



ing ceremony for President Clinton will take place at the edge of the square, with its uncomfortable symbolism for Americans still fixated on the 1989 killing of pro-democracy

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TONIGHT'S VOTE in the Commons on the age of consent for homosexuals could prove to be a bit of drag. It is likely that voting will take place between 8pm and 10pm - during the England-Romania game. The play-off between the two events could prove an interesting dilemma for some MPs, perhaps wrestling with views expressed in their constituency mailbags. The real man will, of course, be in the Chamber and not in the bar.

MANCHESTER'S education authority took a battering last week. Truancy, exclusions and budget deficit are running at a high level while standards of achievement are low, concludes a report by the Office for Standards in Education. Though the report acknowledges the will for improvement, there is much to be done, as one parent said in *The Independent* last week: 'The council needs a "kick up the rear". Could this all have been avoided if Manchester's politicians had listened to one of the city's most famous sons, Morrissey (below right)? Back in the Eighties, the miserable wordsmith warned: "Belligerent ghouls / Run Manchester schools / Spineless swines / Cemented minds". Harsh words maybe, but there could be a place for "Moxy" as a layman examiner on the Ofsted team.

PANDORA RECENTLY reported on an odd memo listing words outlawed by Evening Standard editor Max Hastings. The list included such run-of-the-mill words as "famous", "insisted", "joke", and "lounge". It all seemed to be a bit of a leg-pull. Not so, Hastings indicated when Pandora bumped into him at the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Society of Literature last week. "I'm sure you have the same sort of list," he remarked affably. We did not know whether this was one of Max's "famous jokes". Later, from the comfort of his lounge (sorry, drawing room) he "insisted" it wasn't.

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"Most people are now used to the idea that you could find the nearest telephone box and if you had a credit

card you could ring any airline and book a seat... That's the approach I would like to see." Not surprisingly, Dobson's comments have come in for some stick. A spokesman from London Health Emergency, the capital's largest NHS pressure group responded tartly: "That is all very nice, but if the plane is full you cannot get a ticket." Quite. At least Dobson will have a new catchphrase for saving the NHS: rather than the favourite "like turning around a supertanker", he could try "Fly me, I'm Frankie."

NOTWITHSTANDING anything else Bill Clinton may or may not have given Monica Lewinsky, his present to her of Walt Whitman's erotic poetry, Leaves of Grass, must have been appreciated. Lewinsky seems to have had an affinity for the written word from an early age. A recently discovered poem, written when she was 11 years old, shows that she was not averse to sensuous suggestion either. Appearing in the American literary quarterly Open City, the poem reads: "I am a pizza / I can be a delicious lunch, dinner or breakfast, if you're weird / I have a great deal of toppings on me / I am a round flat piece of dough / with lots of toppings / I make your mouth water / I'm very good to eat but I'm fattening! / I am a man's best friend / I make you say 'Yum Yum' / I am a pizza." That's one with extra cheese, please.

STAYING WITH all matters presidential, Clinton's forthcoming visit to China has been the subject of much debate. Republican National Committee co-chair Patricia Harrison has been organising on American television over the etiquette of whether or not the president should visit Tiananmen Square. In her interview on C-Span's *Washington Journal* she says firmly: "This president should really stand up as the leader of the Free World and not let Chinese communists dictate to him where and when he is going to meet." Facing up to the fact that the trip is happening, Harrison added: "I think the only thing we can insist upon" is that he "at least have some moral turpitude" by avoiding Tiananmen Square. "I think some people need to look at their history books," she added. Or perhaps, as the Washington Post suggests, Harrison might want to check out her dictionary.

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AT 1.30AM on 2 May 1997 my life as a politician ended after 18 years and I vowed I would never enter the Palace of Westminster again.

I was 45 years old and had spent most of my career working in Parliament. I had no professional qualifications, couldn't run a wheel stall and was, in the eyes of friends, foes and journalists, unemployed.

Three weeks after the election,

my fellow ex-colleague, David Evans, the defeated MP for Hatfield,

wrote to me offering me the opportunity to drum up new business for his industrial cleaning company on a commission basis, and I jumped at the chance. So, for the past year,

I have been a lavatory cleaner and janitor, to the amusement of Con-

servative MPs.

Most of them dumped me after the election. During the weekend after polling day I did receive a number of phone calls of commiseration but, in the main, they were from fellow defeated members.

The honourable exceptions were David Davis, Edward Leigh and Patrick McLoughlin.

I also received about two dozen generous letters from re-elected

Tory MPs. Baroness Thatcher wrote a personal letter dated 2 May. Ann Widdecombe, typically, sent me one of the kindest letters I have ever received. John Major sent me a cyclo-styled letter in July. I have a list of these letters in my inside pocket, at all times, when I sit in the Press Gallery writing political sketches for the newspaper.

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my flat buzzer rang. A young city slicker announced he was my local Tory candidate. Little did he know how much a debt I would subsequently owe to him. This was the first time I had ever been canvassed. For the previous 20 years it had always been me on the other side of the front door knocking the insults. I wrote up the story of this new experience in *The Independent*. Three weeks later I am now sitting in the Press Gallery writing politi-

cal sketches for the newspaper.

Now even the Labour Party is

getting in on the act as they realise

the dangers and advantages of mak-

ing their peace with me.

The sweetest moment was an af-

ternoon when Gordon Brown made

a high-profile statement on public

expenditure. Little me, who still can-

not add up, had the opportunity of

being spurned by Charlie Wheeler

outside the Press Gallery when the

Chancellor sat down. What I

would give to show this scene to the

Tory MPs sitting downstairs in the

Chamber.

But it has not all been plain sail-

ing. As a new and inexperienced

journalist I am just beginning to

bump into the victims of my politi-

cal sketch. Some of them fight back and have caused me my fair share of embarrassment. I have received my first threat of libel, from a Labour MP John Whittingdale, minor Treasury spokesman on the Tory side, has upbraided me for being hard on Francis Maude.

My most frightening encounter occurred two nights ago as I was having a drink with Elliot Morley the Fisheries Minister. Into my view came the slight but menacing figure of the Foreign Secretary who had just read my column giving the thumbs down to his department.

Fortunately Robin Cook is a professional politician, has a good sense of humour and let me off with a caution. But I did feel shame-faced and had to stop myself from apologising. I wouldn't have been able to look my new colleagues in the eye if they heard this story in the Press Gallery bar.

It's clear I'm still a rookie and the jury is out on whether I can really back it.

Michael Brown's parliamentary sketch will be in the Independent tomorrow.

A first taste of unelected power



MICHAEL BROWN
Back to the Palace of Westminster, and I've discovered that everyone wants to know me

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TODAY IS Windrush Day. Unless you've failed to read a newspaper or see any TV at all for the past few weeks, you will know that last night marked the fiftieth anniversary of the landing of the ship that symbolises the start of the post-war migration that has changed Britain almost beyond recognition; and that the next day the men and women who founded the modern black community set foot on British soil.

By the way, let's clear up one small inconsistency. Was it 500 or 492? It was, in fact, 500, but there were (it is believed by those who were there) eight stowaways. The calypsonian Lord Kitchener recalls looking over the rail of the ship and seeing some of them swimming for dear life through the muddy brown waters of Tilbury harbour; he says he hoped the alligators didn't get them, as that colour water normally signified hostile animal life in the Caribbean.

The alligators didn't show up, but the sharks did. The Windrush generation survived Teddy-boy assaults, Racism, Powellism, riots, crime, three major recessions and countless humiliations with a grace and absence of bitterness that defies belief. They protected their children against the worst excesses of racism for many years, until those children could cope for themselves. But even their own accounts of the racism they faced may be incomplete, for one reason: in many cases they may never have realised they were being discriminated against.

It is the bane of all those who write legislation to guard against discrimination on the basis of race, gender or disability. What happens if the discrimination is so subtle that the victim does not realise what is going on?

Some years ago, as part of a TV investigation, we sent two students

one black, one white - looking for jobs. The inevitable happened: the black student was rejected seven times out of 10 when the white candidate was offered an interview, or even a job. Again and again, the young black man would come out of an encounter convinced the potential employer was genuinely regretful, and that there had been no discrimination. And you could see why - the smiles looked warm, the language comforting. But they hid the truth: the young man, by no means a nervous type, was so shattered by the experience that we had to offer him counselling.

But there is another side to this story. Do people who discriminate always know that they're doing it?

On the *Today* programme last

week, John Humphrys asked with an air of astonishment: "But surely people know when they're being racist?" It's a reasonable question, though the answer is certainly "no".

Most racism does not consist of

gross acts of discrimination or ver-

bal abuse, though heaven knows

there's enough of that: the Policy

Studies Institute reckoned that one in eight black or Asian people experienced some kind of racial assault in a single year. But over and beyond that kind of horror lies a sea of petty thoughtless remarks and actions that daily humiliate black people.

This was so from the start. The Reverend Sybil Phoenix recalls that when she first came to England in the Fifties, she found a home in a converted coal cellar for which she was grateful. The kitchen was under a grating, so that, when she cooked her first Christmas dinner, she had to put up an umbrella over the stove to prevent the rain coming in. Her fellow church members said, with tears in their eyes, how sorry they were - but that none of them could house her because their neighbours might not like it. Another landlady made her black tenants leave home early and come back late so that no-one would notice them: on one occasion, she made Rev Phoenix wait in the road because she had friends at home. And these people thought they were being nice; and they were to some extent being courageous.

Today, we are more careful about our language, and such behaviour towards a black family would be next to unthinkable. Yet we heard last week of new outrages to add to the long list that were visited on the family of Stephen Lawrence.

What is most disheartening is that the police officers who failed the Lawrences will never be persuaded that their actions stemmed from any kind of racial bias. Carelessness, incompetence, neglect even; but they are clearly baffled by the suggestion that their behaviour might have been affected in any way by the colour of the victim.

From the outside and with hindsight, it is hard to draw any other conclusion, but the hardest task we

face is convincing the perpetrators - I mean the police, not the murderers - of their own unconscious prejudice. Otherwise, why should they not repeat their mistakes?

The Lawrence case is in itself a tragic echo of an earlier outrage against another group of black families from south-east London.

In January 1981, 13 black teenagers perished in a house fire after a birthday party in Deptford. The incident was serious enough, but there was little doubt that the reaction to it by the rest of British society led directly to the rage and frustration that triggered nationwide rioting four months later. I say reaction; what I mean is non-reaction.

First, the police treated the whole affair casually - the impression given was of yet another dispute among drug dealers that got out of hand. Just as in the Lawrence case, they started with the assumption that the children concerned had been up to no good. Under pressure to find a culprit, they interrogated the survivors remorselessly, including the all-night questioning of

missiles and to acquire nuclear weapons continue.

The United States opposes any country selling or transferring to Iran materials and technologies that could be used to develop long-range missiles or weapons of mass destruction. Similarly, we oppose Iranian efforts to sponsor terror. Accordingly, our economic policies, including the export pipelines for Caspian oil and gas, remain unchanged.

We are ready to explore further ways to build mutual confidence and avoid misunderstandings. Iran should consider parallel steps. If such a process can be initiated and sustained in a way that addresses the concerns of both sides, then we in the United States can see the prospect of a very different relationship. As the wall of mistrust falls, we can develop with the Islamic republic a road map leading to normal relations.

Obviously two decades of mistrust cannot be erased overnight. The gap between us remains wide. But it is time to test the possibilities for bridging this gap.

US v Iran: the political challenge



PODIUM
MADELEINE ALBRIGHT
From a speech by the US Secretary of State to the Asia Society, New York

sign policy aimed at ending Iran's estrangement from the international community.

At the time, President Clinton welcomed this election. The depth of the demand for change was obvious. So, too, was the evident desire of Iran's greater freedoms, a more civil society based on the rule of law, and a more moderate foreign policy.

We view these developments with interest. However, these hopes must be balanced against

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Life, art and a thug called James



JOHN WALSH

Did those responsible for Fat Les sense that there were homicidal maniacs just looking for a tune to march to?

After a week of recriminations about the England football supporters misbehaving on the streets of Marseilles, one small point seems to have been overlooked: the significance of the video for *Vindaloo*, that enraging silly song that's been relayed in and out of the nation's drawing rooms for the last two weeks. It features a drum-beaten procession of wacky, zany fans and assorted grotesques parading through the streets in an aggressive triumphal march, cheered on by a grimacing Keith Allen, that's oddly reminiscent of a lynch-mob descending on a courthouse in Plains, Georgia. Nothing wrong with that, of course; I expect some elderly milord will pop up to tell us that Old Harrovians look very similar when they're on their way to a hockey fixture.

What took my eye, however, was Fat Les, the song's supposed performer, a chap in an advanced state of hyper-obesity who wobbles his horrible dugs through the street, smiling beatifically, his face painted with the obligatory flag of St George.

Has nobody else spotted the spooky resemblance between him and Mr James Shayler, the huge Northamptonshire fan whose terrifying acres of flesh were all over the British papers when he was arrested and bunged in *le slammeur* for two months?

For anyone in arty circles, from spittle-decked tabloid pundit to writhing cultural analyst, it surely inspires questions about the relation between Life and Art. Did Fat Les inspire James Shayler? Or did Mr Allen, Damien Hirst and the others responsible for the video just intuit that there were vast, fat, half-naked, smiling, homicidal renegades lurking in the English zeitgeist just waiting for a decent tune to march to?



The artist Damien Hirst at the launch of the video of 'Vindaloo', a World Cup song by Fat Les, on London's Vauxhall Bridge

be having Sex at 12 and toying with Bondage after lunch.

Anyway, I brought all the morning's papers along, explained about the broadsheets and the tabloids, and the echoing chasm of taste, subtlety, ethics and intellectual rigour that lay between them. I pointed out the misguided folly of the general public, who regularly put journalists at the bottom of those league tables of Respected Professions, slightly behind Iraqi torturers, Colombian drug barons, retired Gestapo officers and people who talk loudly into mobile phones in your train carriage.

I explained the wonders of the printed word, the joy of communication, the global family of hacks, news-gatherers and feature writers. I banged on about the magazine explosion and how mags are what the British do best, along with rock music and potato-based snacks. I fulminated about journalistic integrity. I ranted about the sanctity of facts. I went on and on about the Holy Grail of *The Scoop*. Take it from me, boys, this is the noblest profession of all.

Then I asked for questions. "Do you mind ruining people's lives?" asked a cool pubescent in the third row. "Or do you just learn to live with it?" Strewth. I said I wasn't aware of a responsible paper ruining the life of anyone who didn't deserve it. This was not enough for the cynics in the back row.

"Which papers use paparazzi pictures?" they asked. "How do you justify invading people's privacy?" "Why can't you leave people alone when they ask you to?" It looked as if the death of the Princess was still an open wound, even among these youthful subjects, but I sneakily moved the argument along until it was about invading the privacy of Stan Collymore in a Paris bar brawl.

They wanted to know what I earned, what time I had to get up, who was the weirdest person I'd ever interviewed. The most impudent question was a subtle one: "Do you have to be quite eccentric to be a journalist?" The best came from a Tintin-faced innocent called Tim who asked, "Do many journalists go on to become anthropologists?" Why should they? "Because of their interest in people and how people behave." No Tim, I said, not to a journalist. Anthropologists don't earn enough. But some newspaper personnel become soi-disant anthropologists, without the need for special training, degrees, diplomas or any of that malarkey. They're called Style Editors.

HEAVEN KNOWS what the Dulwich College Prep crowd would make of American journalism, which has suffered two recent

blows to its collective dignity. Last month, the Washington-based political weekly, *New Republic*, fired its chief reporter Stephen Glass and has just published an apology to its readers: it says, in a tone of slight amazement, that of Mr Glass's 41 pieces for the magazine, six "could be considered entirely or nearly entirely made up". And another 18 were partly fictitious. The enterprising Glass, 25, invented real-sounding organisations, churches and lobby groups and faked websites for non-existent societies and committees. If he required, for an article, the existence of a parachutist's magazine, he simply invented "a sky-diving industry newsletter" called *Jump Now*.

His fictional skill also turned up in *George*, the magazine owned by John Kennedy Jr, where Glass made up quotations in a profile of Bill Clinton's adviser, Vernon Jordan. But he and his lively imagination aren't alone in Hackland.

On Saturday, we learned about Patricia Smith, a prize-winning *Boston Globe* columnist, who's just been fired for fabricating quotations and inventing people in her articles.

"From time to time in my Metro column," she wrote in a final sign-off last Thursday, "I have created the desired impact or slam home a salient point. I attributed quotes to people who didn't exist. I could give them

names, even occupations, but I couldn't give them what they needed most - a heartbeat."

I'm not sure if Ms Smith is saying she had to make them up or sorry she didn't do it more plausibly, but I feel sorry for her. British journalism doesn't stand for wholesale fabricators like Mr Glass, but it allows a little more leeway than the Americans when it comes to the strategic quote from the handy passer-by at the crash.

Tom Driberg, in his gossip-column days, used to fill *The Express* with revelations about shocking but non-existent social gadabouts. A friend of mine routinely writes about clubs where he "overhears" people conversing in a "typical" fashion.

"The archdeacon is absolutely furious to hear Jeremy Paxman's been blackballed again," said the MP at the next table to mine in the Athenaeum dining room.

The secret, of course, is not to get caught - and not to go around thinking that real life has to be made more exciting than it is, or that picturesqueness is any substitute for The Truth. Luckily, there's no shortage of perfectly genuine thrills in my vibrant social whirl.

Now if you'll excuse me, I must get back to my next major *Independent* feature: "What Pol Pot told me about his showbiz ambitions and his long-standing affair with Betty Boothroyd."

RIGHT OF REPLY

KAMLESH BAHL



The head of the Equal Opportunities Commission says sexual equality is a human right

Last week, Anne McElvoy expressed some fears about the Equal Opportunities Commission's proposals for a new Sex Equality Law. Fear not. Social engineering is out. Building a consensus for change is in.

More than 200 organisations and individuals across the spectrum responded to our proposals on replacing the old Sex Discrimination and Equal Pay Acts. We've seen huge support for a single statute that would protect sex equality as a basic human right.

Our proposals grew out of 22 years of front-line experience. It's clear from the thousands of calls we get each year (25,000 in 1997) and discussions with a huge network of partners that the old laws are out of date. They don't cover sexual harassment. They don't deal with transsexualism. And they don't reflect that British society has changed in two decades. There has been much progress, but there are still pervasive inequalities.

A new law will not be a panacea. Real equality will come when government, employers and other organisations build equal treatment into their goals, policies and programmes - what we call "mainstreaming". Equality, Good practice and good law are needed and the EOC would like to see both in action.

Just to be clear: we don't support quotas; we support selection on merit. We also support shifting the burden of proof so that an employer has to tell an industrial tribunal or court why they treated an employee in a particular way.

Ms McElvoy asks whether she is a victim of sex discrimination or just unlucky in her workplace. She is neither. The women and men who have been denied jobs, advancement, services or opportunity simply because of their sex are the victims.

Those are the people who will be helped by a better law and good equality practice.

I WAS invited to the local prep school the other day to talk about journalism to a gang of 13-year-old schoolboys. It was part of a post-Common Entrance Exam program of cultural treats, involving visits to the Bank of England, the House of Lords and the Imperial War Museum, careers lectures (from doctors, actors, bankers, et al) and many bits of advice about Relationships and Controlled Substances.

As I arrived in the Music School, the "pasty Head, a rather thrilling blonde called Mrs Hill, was telling the boys, "and Class 8a will have Drugs at 11 o'clock." Humph. In my day, we thought ourselves damned lucky to get milk. I suppose 8a will

Brassed off but still unbowed

MONDAY BOOK

A SERIOUS MAN
BY DAVID STOREY, JONATHAN CAPE, £16.99

on Arley Hall, the big house overlooking the colliery where Fenchurch courted the privileged Bea and was accepted by her parents.

His daughter attacks his lack of political engagement: "It's why those theorists - and not theorists only - despise your work... where they might have been looking for an appetite for change - even revolution - they never find it."

Fenchurch marshals his defence. Art is the only politics with any reality for him: revelation rather than revolution.

He wanders through the landscape he has tried to capture so many times in words and in paint, remembering the passion he felt years back for a woman with lightly-freckled skin, green-triced eyes, a robust, slim-waisted, high-breasted figure.

A midwife checks her watch as I fall to hurl

This is where I came in: The snap of rubber, the slip of skin, The ten-inch box to put me in.

Twists like an eel kept in the dark About the likes of you; the stark

On the sheets will come out in the wash,

Flex like anorexic can-can girls;

That prick of the needle's silenced by forceps

A first cry at unregistered walls. My umbilicus

Of codeine; mouthwash swallows the taste of fear.

That slick

You incinerate the pale ghost of a chance

Interrupt your life's smooth sentence. Well,

That I may return to haunt your dance,

Staring light arcs a gloss on mucous.

I am gone. Tell me I am wrong?

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MONDAY POEM

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Ann Grahame Johnstone

"UNFAILING sentimentality and a palpable determination to please." So thundered Bridgit Peppin's and Lucy Micklethwait's *Dictionary of British Book Illustrators: the 20th century* (1983) on the work of Anne Grahame Johnstone. But this is equally palpably an unfair judgement: the more than one hundred books illustrated by Anne and her identical twin Janet show a wide variety of styles. Their line drawings, in particular, reveal an attention to detail and sensitivity to atmosphere putting them in the great tradition of book illustration from Bewick to Ernest Shepard and beyond.

Anne was born 20 minutes after Janet on 1 June 1922. Their mother was Doris Zinkeisen, a successful portrait painter and stage designer, who did valuable work for the Old Vic during the Second World War. In 1946 the twins' father died; both girls then lived with their mother for the rest of her life (she died in 1991).

After studying at St Martin's School of Art, they settled down as professional illustrators, staying in London until 1966 when they finally moved to Suffolk. They worked on every picture together, passing illustrations between each other until both were satisfied. Janet, the more assertive of the two, concentrated on animals while Anne was the expert on period costume. Early commissions included Enid Blyton's *Stories of Ancient Greece* (1951), and new illustrations for that hoary old shocker *Struwwelpeter* (1950): a bizarre enterprise which must now surely be a collector's piece.

But most work was done designing Christmas cards and illustrating numbers of large, brightly coloured gift books, mainly published by Dean. Their

full-page illustrations surrounding nursery rhymes, fairy tales or children's prayers were in the tradition of undemanding effusiveness set by older artists like Hilda Boswell, still hugely popular with the public though increasingly frowned on by critics.

Conservative by nature, the twins were never artistically innovative, but their best work away from the demands of gross commercialism could still be very good indeed. This is evident in their drawings for Dodie Smith's *The Hundred and One Dalmatians* in 1956.

The old-fashioned frontispiece illustrating "The Twilight Bark" with its atmospheric use of shadow, fine detail and number of different habitations brilliantly set the tone for what was to come. Here were pictures for children to pore over: meticulously executed Tudor mansions, bricked-up Georgian facades, four-poster beds and deserted

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folly all making an intriguing backdrop for the heroic dog characters.

Far from gazing winsomely at their readers, these animals are shown as alert and business-like. Clever angles and some unexpected perspectives anticipate Disney's cartoon film to follow. As with Edward Ardizzone, human



The twins in their studio, Anne seated, and Janet behind her

characters are often pictured from the back but still come over in a strongly individualistic way. The only failure is Cruella de Vil, almost defiantly unevil-looking in tune with the twins' own essentially benign outlook on life.

In 1979 Janet died in an accident. Although devastated by this loss (their brother Murray described them together as one and a half rather than two people), Anne found the strength to honour all their existing commissions and to continue alone. She learned how to draw the animals that Janet used to specialise in, becoming so adept that she was this year elected a Member of the Society of Equestrian Artists.

This fascination with horses did not end there; the twins had previously driven a smart dogcart around the Suffolk countryside, with Janet holding the reins and Anne dealing with the whipping. After Janet's death Anne continued this hobby, winning numbers of cups and rosettes at various competitions.

Never a particularly spiritual person - her *Little Jesus Pop-up Book* (1976) owed more to paying the bills than re-

ligious fervour - Anne nevertheless accepted the fact of the liver cancer that was to kill her with courage and grace. Always more concerned for others than for herself, she continued to work until two days before her death.

Like her sister, Janet, Anne Grahame Johnstone never married, but enjoyed close relations with her nephew and two nieces, all of whom work in the arts. Her legacy to children everywhere includes work on *Andy Pandy and the Flower Pot Men* in early children's television, and numbers of Christmas jigsaw puzzle designs. But she and Janet will chiefly be remembered for their huge output of illustrations stretching from Peter Pan to Gilbert and Sullivan, always executed to a high professional standard and at best, in the line drawings, able to compete with some of the finest work of their generation.

Nicholas Tucker

Anne Grahame Johnstone, illustrator; born London 1 June 1922; died Badingham, Suffolk, 25 May 1998.



Drawing from Dodie Smith's *The Hundred and One Dalmatians* (1956)

SOCIOLOGICAL NOTES

BY STEPHEN HOWE

Pharaohs in cyberspace



Afrocentric fantasies proliferate on the Web

ALL HUMAN groups, it seems, share a compulsive need to create myths about their own origins and histories. They range from the harmlessly eccentric - all those depressingly popular books about lost civilisations and ancient Egyptian secrets - to the frighteningly destructive, invented or distorted histories, rival visions of the past, underpin ethnic conflict from Belfast to Bombay, Jerusalem to Johannesburg, guaranteeing the reproduction of inherited prejudice across generations.

All this is as very old. It is at least as old as recorded history, repeated ever since ancient Greeks, Hebrews and Egyptians created stories about their own special virtues, their neighbours' special wickedness or inferiority.

What is new is that today, some sophisticated intellectuals champion myth over history; because it is supposedly more open-ended, more liberating, and through it one hears the voices of the oppressed and excluded. Others claim children from different groups in plural societies should be taught different, even antagonistic versions of history, in the name of multiculturalism, or in the interests of fostering group pride and solidarity.

Also new is the way that, via modern technologies and population movements, what were once local stories about the past are now globalised.

Browsing the websites of movements like Holocaust-denying "revisionists", the USA's white supremacist "Christian Identity", or India's savagely anti-Muslim "Hindutva" organisations, one encounters terrifying underwords of mythicised pseudo-history. The stories they tell bear no relation to the researches of genuine scholars in those fields - but the scholars' words are almost drowned by the fantasists', in the new information media.

One of the strangest of these myth-making movements, proliferating on the Internet as well as in print media and the education system is Afrocentrism. There are hundreds of websites devoted to wild ideas about innate African superiority, the African origins of absolutely everything, and so on: certainly far more than there are dealing with Africa's real history.

Afrocentrism is less dangerous than some of the other bogus "historical" movements colonising the Net. Unlike them, few of its advocates call for violence

against other groups. Nor, on the whole, do the movement's devotees - members of still underprivileged minorities - have the power to do much harm to others. The damage Afrocentric fake history can do is mainly to its intended audience, not to their supposed enemies.

In other ways, though, Afrocentrism is no less disturbing and damaging than rival historical myths. This is partly because of the tragic irony that a structure of illusion and reverse racism has taken hold among some of the very people who have suffered most from others' prejudice. It is partly because, unlike most other ethnocentric fantasies, it attracts sympathy in liberal and leftist quarters.

And it's partly because Afrocentric fantasy threatens to fill a gaping hole where true knowledge of Africa should be. The global mainstream of education and communication has only very recently - and very partially - struggled away from old racist assumptions about Africa: that it's basically historyless and cultureless. Meanwhile, poverty and technological underdevelopment mean that continental African voices barely feature in the global conversation of the Web. Now the new mass of ahistorical fabrications about Africa claim to correct the old ones but actually reproduce many of their worst features. If we go straight from the legend of the Dark Continent to the fable of Pharaohs in cyberspace, the main loser will be Africa itself.

Stephen Howe's *Afrocentrism: mythical pasts and imagined homes* has just been published by Verso.

GAZETTE

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS

DEATHS

BARNETT: John Vernon Barnett, CBE MA, died 17 June. Funeral St Martin's, North Nibley, Wednesday 24 June at 1.45pm. Family flowers only; donations to Marie Curie via Clutterbucks, Cam Dursley.

KNIGHT: Amnette Ros, died in hospital on 15 June, aged 72, after a long and courageously borne period of disability, the dearly loved wife of Edmund and mother of Frances. Funeral and memorial service at St Nicholas' Church, Harpenden at 2pm on Wednesday 24 June. Family flowers only; donations if wished to the Arthritis Research Campaign, Copeman House, Chesterfield, S41 7TD.

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Sir Hugh Annesley, former chief constable, HUC, 59; **Mr Jack Bailey**, former secretary, MCC, 68; **Mr Danny Baker**, television presenter, 41; **John Barnes**, former diplomat, 81; **Sir Christopher Booth**, gastro-enterologist, 74; **Lieut-Gen Sir Robin Carnegie**, 72; **Mr Hubert Cheshire**, Clarenceux King of Arms, 58; **Miss Katherine Dunham**, choreographer, 88; **Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs**, former Lord Lieutenant for Wiltshire, 77; **Mr Graham Hill**, solicitor and former chairman, Guinness Mahon, 71; **Mr Ian Howe**, former chairman, Kilkav, 58; **Lord Hunt KG**, mountaineer, 88; **Mr Bruce Kent**, nuclear disarmament activist, 68; **Mr Kris Kristofferson**, singer, songwriter and actor, 52; **Professor Donald Low**, former president of Clare Hall, Cambridge, 71; **Mr Alan Osmond**, singer, 49; **Mr David Owen**, former chief constable, North Wales, 67; **Mr Libor Pesek**, conductor, 65; **Miss Esther Rantzen**, television presenter, 58; **Professor Michael Salmon**, former Vice-Chancellor, Anglia Polytechnic University, 62; **Dame Cicely Saunders OM**, founder of St Christopher's Hospice, 80; **Miss Prunella Scales**, actress, 66; **Miss Debra Shipton MP** 41; **Mr Alastair Stewart**, television presenter, newscaster and reporter, 46; **Miss Meryl**

ANNIVERSARIES

Births: Jacques Delille, abbot and poet, 1738; George Vancouver, navigator and explorer, 1757; Karl Wilhelm von Humboldt, philologist, 1767; Giuseppe Mazzini, Italian leader, 1805; Sir Henry Rider Haggard, novelist, 1856; William MacDougal, psychologist, 1871; Sir Julian Sorell Huxley, biologist, 1887; Erich Maria Remarque, novelist, 1898; Michael Todd (Avram Goldenberg), film producer, 1907; Sir Peter Pears, tenor, 1910. **Deaths:** Roger I, King of Sicily, 1101; St John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, executed, 1535; Katherine Philips (Fowler), verse-writer, 1664; Mrs Catherine Macaulay Graham, historian, 1791; Benjamin Robert Haydon, painter and writer, committed suicide, 1846; Howard Staunton, Shakespearean scholar and chess player, 1874; Henry Moore, marine painter, Sir Henry Hughes Wilson, Field Marshal, assassin, 1922; Felix Klein, mathematician, 1925; Walter John De La Mare, poet and author, 1956; Judy Garland (Frances Gumm), actress and singer, 1969; Joseph Losey, film director, 1984; Fred Astaire (Frederick

Austerlitz), actor and dancer, 1987. On this day: Richard II ascended the English throne, 1377; Charles the Bold of Burgundy was defeated by the Swiss at the Battle of Morat, 1476; Queen Elizabeth's Prayer Book was issued, 1559; Galileo, before the Inquisition, denounced his "heresy" in advocating the Copernican theory, 1583; the first cricket match was played at Lord's Cricket Ground (present site), 1814; Royal Assent was given to Sir Robert Peel's bill imposing Income Tax at 7 old pence (3s approx) in the pound, 1842; the first barbed wire was patented in Kent, Ohio, US, 1867; Queen Victoria celebrated her Diamond Jubilee, 1897; the Wallace Collection, London, was opened, 1900; the Northern Underground Line, London, was opened, 1907; France and Germany signed an armistice at Compiegne, 1940; Karelia, which had been lost by Finland to the USSR in 1940, was re-invaded by Finland, 1941; German armies launched an invasion of the USSR on three wide fronts stretching from the Baltic to the Black Sea, 1941; the Battle of Okinawa ended, 1945; applications by both East and West Germany to join the United Nations were accepted, 1973. Today is the Feast Day of St Aaron of Brittany, St Alban of Verulam, St Eberhard of Salzburg, St John Fisher, St

Joseph Cafasso, St Paulinus of Nola and St Thomas More.

LECTURES

National Gallery: Richard Kendall, "Little Dancer, Big Problems: Degas's Little Dancer Age Fourteen", 1pm.

SIR FRANCIS AVERY JONES

A memorial service for Sir Francis Avery Jones will be held at St Giles's Church Without Cripplegate, Barbican on Thursday 6 August 1998 at 7pm. Applications for tickets which will be sent out on Thursday 16 July 1998 should be made in writing to the Clerk, Worshipful Company of Barbers, Barber-Surgeons' Hall, London EC2.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS

The Annual Conference of the Board of Deputies of British Jews was held yesterday at the Institute of Education, London WC1. Mr Eldred Tabachnick, President, opened the conference. Lord Young of Graffham, Mr Morris Abram, former US Ambassador to the United Nations, and Mrs Ruth Deech, Principal, St Anne's College, Oxford, were the speakers.

The following notes of judgments were prepared by the reporters of the *All England Law Reports*.

VAT

Rahman (t/a Khayam Restaurant) v Commrs of Customs & Excise [QBD (Crown) 11 June 1998.

THE PROCEDURAL change in domestic committal proceedings did not deprive a fugitive offender in extradition committal proceedings from giving or calling evidence, since the amendment to para 7(1) of Sch 1 to the Extradition Act 1989 postulated that a magistrate conducting a committal in extradition proceedings was engaged on a summary trial, and, further, the new s 35(3) of the 1989 Act made it clear that an assessment would be made on such evidence could be given.

Alan Jones QC, Leah Saffron (Goldsmiths) for the applicant; Andrew Coleman (CPS) for the respondent.

Libel

Wilson and ors v Christie, CA (Stewart, Brooke LJ, Sir John Knox) 11 June 1998.

A SOLICITOR advocate who had acted as a libel reader for a defendant and who had advised that an article was not libellous was not disbarred from subsequently representing that defendant, since on a true construction of para 4(1)e of the Law Society's Code for Advocacy, there was a clear distinction between deciding on a course of action and advising on a course of action. Only where the solicitor advocate had taken the decision himself would he be in breach of his professional duty in accepting instructions to act.

David Price (David Price & Co) for the taxpayer; Richard Barlow (C & E) for the Crown.

Defendant's costs order

Coles v DPP; QBD (Div Ct) (Simon Brown LJ, Hooper J) 12 June 1998.

ONCE JUSTICES had reached and pronounced their decision on informations before them, subject only to the slip rule in s 142 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, they were strictly *functus officio* and ought not to receive or act on any advice given by their clerk. Moreover, they could not state fresh conclusions in that situation, a respondent would have no opportunity to challenge any matter arising from those new conclusions, should he wish to do so.

Jeanne Clayton (Solicitor, Kent County Council) for the applicant; the respondent appeared in person.

Magistrates' courts

Kent County Council v Curtis; QBD (Div Ct) (Simon Brown LJ, Hooper J) 15 June 1998.

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WORDS

WILLIAM HARTSTON hooligan n.

ence to a gang run by a chap named Hooley.

The earliest appearance of the word in print is in newspaper reports of police-court cases in 1888.

After a slew of school murders, the US gun lobby looked dead and buried. Then it played its joker: Charlton Heston. By Andrew Marshall

America bites the bullet



There is a message spelled out in blue ribbons on the fence around Thurston High School in Springfield, Oregon, reading: "Let it end here." Those words commemorate the two students who died in a hall of automatic gun fire last month, as Kip Kinkel, a 15-year-old pupil with a grudge against the world, opened up on his classmates. His parents were later found dead in their house. Kinkel was just one in a series of teenage gunmen who have shocked America in the past six months. Just this week, a student at a Virginia school shot and wounded two members of staff, while the Arkansas shooting by two children earlier this year at a school in Jonesboro resulted in five fatalities.

Fifteen school killings in a year have helped to put America's gun lobby, which for so long seemed invulnerable, on the defensive. The gun lobby also faces a new round of legal cases intended to hit the arms industry where it hurts - in the pocket. All this is happening as the National Rifle Association, the main organisation which campaigns against gun control, is at its weakest for 20 years. Increasingly seen as a fringe group that favours guns over people, hampered by internecine sniping, its political influence has started to erode, just as the tides of anti-gun sentiment are rising again.

The NRA's salvation comes in the form of Charlton Heston, the artist formerly known as Moses, who was elected president earlier this month. Mr Heston may be 73, but he makes a fine speech, handles the press well and, in the eyes of the public, is a man who once had a direct line to God. His self-proclaimed mission is to nudge the NRA back towards the mainstream, away from the crazies.

Heston, a natural charmer, has made a good start. On a Sunday television discussion programme, he backed a move to put locks on guns to prevent accidental discharges. "I'm in favour of trigger locks," he said, but qualified the statement by saying that they weren't much use. Still, it was enough to please some

of the NRA's traditional opponents. Heston himself owns about a dozen pieces, and should you ever be tempted to enter the Heston bedchamber uninvited, beware. He told the *New York Post* he keeps a shotgun under the bed and a handgun within easy reach, just in case. But he learnt to shoot far from Beverly Hills, in rural Michigan. "This was during the Depression and I was expected to bring back a certain share for the table," he said. "Rabbit stew is pretty good - especially if you've achieved it yourself."

It is this bucolic image which the NRA used to present to the American people, of gun-owners as a gang of happy-go-lucky hunters with plaid jackets and game in the back of the pick-up truck. Run largely by sporty retired colonels, the NRA provided social events, safety demonstrations and training. They did not even contest the 1968 Gun Control Act, which banned the sale by mail order of guns and ammunition.

It all changed at the NRA's 1977 Cincinnati convention, when a revolution was launched by hard-line defenders of the Second Amendment, which protects the right to bear arms. It was led by Neil Knox, a gun writer, at the head of a cadre of young ideologues. For them, the point was politics: the freedom of the individual against the overweening state. They ousted the "bird-watchers" in a series of put-downs.

The Reagan years were a free fire zone for the organisation. It expanded rapidly, taking on new members, accumulating vast amounts of cash, funding candidates wherever it wanted and swinging election races its way. Gun control was never a popular theme in a country where access to arms is regarded as a God-given right. But fate ordained that just as drug-fuelled urban warfare was breaking out across America, this well-funded cadre was in a position to ensure that nothing and no one would come between an American and his gun. They were the wrong people, at the right time in the right place. In 1993, gun homicides hit an all-time high of 18,534.

But as they gained total control

of the NRA in the early 1990s, hubris caught up with the revolutionaries, they fell out with each other, and the organisation ruptured. Their brand of ideologically pure conservatism did not fit the Clinton Nineles quite so well. The soaring levels of gun deaths sparked a backlash and the Brady Bill was passed, which regulated handgun sales. The US outlawed the production and import of some assault weapons, the so-called "ugly automatics" that had turned the streets into firing ranges. And it clamped down on arms dealers, more than halving their numbers.

In response, the NRA swung further into conservative territory. In a 1994 column, Knox contended that the 1968 Act was modelled on Nazi legislation, and pondered whether the assassinations of Martin Luther King, John and Robert Kennedy had been staged for the purpose of disarming citizens of the free world. As the NRA went further right, it made middle America nervous.

In many ways, the turning point was 1995, the year of the Oklahoma bombing. Andrew LaPierre, the organisation's executive director, sent out a letter to raise funds. He de-

scribed federal agents as "armed terrorists dressed in ninja black ... who open fire with automatic weapons and kill law-abiding citizens".

Former President George Bush promptly resigned, saying that the letter "deeply offends my sense of honour and decency". It was also revealed that one NRA official had met with members of the Michigan Militia, one of the growing band of backwoods anti-state warriors. And Timothy McVeigh, the Oklahoma bomber, fixed an NRA sticker to a letter he wrote in 1992, arguing for "a God-given right to self-defence". It

read: "I am the NRA." Membership fell to 2.8 million from its high point of 3.5 million. The organisation's finances collapsed. The marketing onslaught of the Eighties and Nineties cost huge amounts of money, and the shortfalls started to show up in the accounts. Neil Knox's response was to go further right still; the others disagreed, and Knox was purged. Now the NRA is desperately trying to reclaim what it considers the centre ground.

It will be an uphill task. The NRA has developed a paranoid world-view best expressed in the list of people and organisations which it says are "anti-gun": Jack Lemmon, Leonard Nimoy, Richard Widmark, Herman Wouk, A&M records, Sara Lee, Bell Atlantic, the AFL-CIO, America's main labour union, the National Association of Police Organisations, the Jewish Labour Committee and hundreds more. This is the enemy, set out across eight pages.

Charlton Heston himself is regarded by hard-liners as deeply suspect, since he demonstrated in favour of gun control with other Hollywood stars after Bobby Kennedy's assassination in 1968 (though he has since revised his position). He has said last year that "AK-47s are inappropriate for personal use".

But Heston is by no means a moderate. "Mainstream America is counting on you to draw your sword and fight for them," he thundered to the Free Congress Foundation. He lashed out at "the fringe propaganda of the homosexual coalition, the feminists who preach that it is a divine duty for women to hate men, blacks who raise a militant fist with one hand while they seek preference with the other..."

The NRA badly needs to regain respectability because it is on the defensive on the key issue of gun control. Relatives of shooting victims have organised effective campaigns over the past decade. Sarah Brady of Handgun Control Inc is the wife of former White House press secretary James Brady. When John Hinckley gunned down Ronald Reagan in 1981, her husband James was shot and crippled. Their crusade got

the Brady Bill passed. Carolyn McCarthy's husband was shot dead in a Long Island Rail Road train in 1993. Next week she will introduce legislation mandating new handgun safety features. It is hard for the industry to argue against people like these.

The latest wave of school killings have helped to build a broader base of support for a new assault on the bullet bandits. Anti-gun campaigners are going to try to sue the manufacturers for making defective products. A woman from Berkeley, California, will this week take Beretta to court after her son was killed by a schoolmate. Last year 15 manufacturers appeared with President Clinton to say that they would voluntarily ship trigger locks with their guns.

As far as the hard-liners are concerned this is defeatist talk, pinko liberal trash. Mr LaPierre wrote to the gunmakers who appeared with the President: "You have helped Clinton to co-opt, to steal yet another issue. And he will use it to destroy you."

But on that occasion the gunmakers didn't make their appearance under the auspices of the NRA; they used another group, the American Shooting Sports Council, which had been formed in 1989 as a result of unhappiness with the NRA's extremism. If the NRA does not sort itself out, it risks being outflanked by gunmakers and gun opponents alike.

Compromise on gun regulation seems inevitable, when the manufacturers themselves are moving in that direction. There are even signs that America's love affair with the gun is waning. A Harris poll found that the number of Americans with a gun at home has declined from half of the population in 1973 to a third, and that more than two-thirds of Americans want tighter gun control laws. Yet despite all the progress that has been made, despite the Brady Bill, which cut gun deaths by a quarter; 9,390 people were killed by hand guns in the US in 1996. But as the NRA would remind us, guns don't kill people: it is people who kill people - people who believe that they are right and everyone else is wrong.

The rough guide to luggage

I HAVE always assumed that, at some point in life, I would learn how to pack a suitcase. This would be a relief because, for starters, I could then quit reading those articles telling me how to pack a suitcase. You know the ones: they advise you to roll up everything into sausage shapes and insist that all you need for two weeks at the beach is a sarong, a floaty pair of shorts and a Swiss Army knife.

It has taken me decades to realise that this is complete rubbish and that articles on packing have nothing to do with reality. "It's aspirational," said a friend as I despaired over a "how to pack" piece in *Condé Nast Traveller*. The picture showed 19 items that make up your "easy-piece wardrobe" for two weeks "from beach to bar". It includes all of two pairs of shoes (one being a £285 pair of Manolo Blahnik satin mules), one swimsuit £79 from Nicole Farhi, and a pashmina shawl for £1.170.

This is not aspirational, it is madness. How can any human go on holiday with two pairs of shoes? I have never managed less than five. And what is the point of a pashmina woven from the hairs of the Kashmiri mountain goat if you don't have a beach towel in the most garish colours possible? In fact, until this I had thought it was illegal to leave the UK on holiday without a beach towel. Evidently this is not true, however and another recent "how to pack" guide in the *Mail* had this daring alternative: "Take a sarong. This can be worn as a cover-up on the beach but can

also be made into a short skirt, halterneck and dress. It can also double as a sheet for your bed or a towel." Practical or

way to visualise your destination (ignore all that stuff about reading the weather reports, it is simply not adequate) then you have to expect mistakes.

The problem with packing is that you are not on holiday when you are doing it," said a friend the other day. "So you really have no idea what you will need." Now I know this sounds obvious, but obvious is better than aspirational. Besides which, she is right. On a rainy day in Britain it is impossible to imagine that do not need three jumpers for a holiday anywhere in the world. Since there is no

versation piece. Note that you only need to be able to swim in one of them and that one should be for "best" (ie the one you look terrific in and which therefore must be last for the rest of your life).

Don't forget the mini-library. A typical holiday reading list should include:

• one classic that you have never read but should have;

• one inspirational book that you have never read but should have;

• one trendy Top 10 type book that you have not read but

have pretended that you have and if you don't read it soon everyone will discover you are intellectually bankrupt;

• one important biography that you have never read but should have or one guidebook to country of destination;

• one trashy book with characters named Bliss and Amber.

Remember to plan for all medical emergencies. See your suitcase as a branch of Boots-on-Sea. Consider extending your mortgage so that you can take the full range of pre-sun lotions, sun creams with various factor levels (a selection such as 5, 12, 18 and 26 provides flexibility and is a source of endless discussion) and after-sun "relief" creams for when you get the factor wrong. Take a huge range of over-the-counter stuff to cover everyday ailments plus any old prescription medicines you have lying around.

Contact lens wearers who are paranoid (or realists) will want to pack two of everything in the likely event that at least one will explode on the plane.

Think cheap. Why purchase a sun hat for £25 when you are going to lose it on the first day? Remember: things only need to last for two weeks because, after the holiday, you will probably never want to wear them again. The only exception to this could be the beach towel. This is going to be your constant companion so don't be afraid to splash out. In fact, why should a beach towel be confined to the beach? Think about doubling it up as a sheet or even as a shawl. That way you could leave the pashmina at home. Just this once.



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Your child's life in their hands

By Clare Longrigg
 Parents have never been more anxious about who looks after their children. But mothers instinctively know when the relationship is right. By Clare Longrigg

"THE ONE good thing to come out of all the horror of the Woodward case was that people are checking much harder now," says Maggie Dyer of the London Au Pair and Nanny Agency. The trial of Louise Woodward has increased the clamour in the UK for a register of nannies and a professional nanny's qualification, but it is still a largely unregulated area.

Maggie Dyer advises parents to see as many nannies as they can. "New parents tend to put too much emphasis on how well they get on with the nanny. But it's a co-parenting relationship. The most important thing is how well the nanny gets on with the child."

When the match is right, mother and nanny both know it instinctively. And both describe it like love at first sight. "I wanted someone who would be an emotional surrogate, who would give my twins the impression of caring for them and loving them, who would make them feel emotionally secure," says Anna. "It took me three months to find her."

"Margherita walked in and was immediately right. The first time the children met her, within minutes they were crawling all over her, but she didn't seem to mind. She was very quiet and patient and would sit and read for hours. She would plait my daughter's hair and taught my son to tie his laces, which took about four months."

Publisher Lyn Tattum found a nanny by advertising in *The Lady*. She wanted someone who lived nearby but not in the house, and the woman she found actually moved to be near her. Seven years later, Belinda Allen is still with the family, currently looking after a seven year old, a four year old and a baby (the average time a nanny stays with a London family is 18 months). Such a long-term working relationship takes some negotiation: "We made it up as we went along," says Lynn. "We always been very careful that she doesn't feel put upon. I don't like to ask her to babysit too often when she has been looking after the children all day."

A good nanny becomes immersed in family life, but if the children get too attached to her, their bond can make a mother feel threatened. Mothers who already feel guilty about leaving their children with another adult all day are likely to feel threatened when the children get fond of the nanny.

"The nanny's never in competition with the mother," says Maggie Dyer, "but I've seen a lot of families let nannies go because they're getting too close to the children."

In Britain, child care is not con-

sidered an important job, and the sample job adverts posted by nanny agencies are revealing. Many are looking for someone "fun", "flexible" and "easy-going". Certainly, at £160 per week in exchange for "sole charge" of a five year old and shared care of a seven and a three year old, the nanny would have to be "fun".

It is not much comfort for her to learn that the family is "informal". When it comes to elastic arrangements, the flexibility is usually on the nanny's side.

Middle-class parents in Nineties Britain are uneasy with the notion of domestic staff. The bleak reality of payment introduces a sour note to a relationship based on mutual trust and affection. When the nanny's children are ill, for example, whose children take precedence?

Antonia, who returned to work on a part-time basis after having two daughters, was surprised to find herself defending what some see as an over-generous arrangement with her nanny. "I consider it a high-pressure job looking after children all day. She gets paid £220 for a four-day week, whether I need her or not. But it's beginning to rankle now that we're strapped for cash. My sister thinks I'm crazy not to use her more; she'd have her running around doing the shopping, cleaning, washing-up. People say 'That girl's exploiting you', but I know the hidden depths to it."

"I do as much as I can for her because the whole system operates on good will. She's never quibbled or refused to do something. I want the relationship between her and my children to be as good as it can be. The closer the nanny is, the better. You've got to have everybody pulling in the same direction."

When a nanny gets on well with a family, the job only comes to an end against everybody's will – either because the mother becomes pregnant again and can't afford to keep a nanny during her maternity leave. For Margherita, leaving Anna's family after four years was heartbreaking. "I always tell myself I'm going to keep my distance, but you can't. I spent a week crying. It was like breaking up with a boyfriend."

Anna managed to find another carer for the twins. She is anxious that the children's relationships with adults should not be continually interrupted. "When Margherita left, they did grieve a lot, they really missed her. But then again, they end up with more people to love and who love them."

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The hand that rocks the cradle: Nanny Belinda Allen (left) with baby George and mother Lyn (right)

Neville Elder

'She wanted a slave, not a nanny'

FRAN, 23, looks after three children, aged six, two and nine months. Rose, 27, has been a nanny since she was 18, and currently looks after a year-old boy.

Kelly, 26, looks after two children, aged five and 18 months.

Fran: "There was one interview I went to where there was a baby of three months. Everything had to be done just right. She wasn't allowed to go swimming because of the germs, she wasn't allowed to go to the park because of something else. The mother was 35, it was her first child. I got in there and thought: 'No, sorry, I don't like you.'

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A FAMILY AFFAIR

THIS WEEK: A COUPLE DISCUSS WHY THEY DIDN'T GET MARRIED BUT DO USE THE SAME SURNAME

just taken my name, but I think it was an important statement for her to do it legally.

At the time, there was no professional overlap in our lives. I was – and still am – a dramatist and Julie was in publishing. She then became a novelist and later, I followed in her footsteps. Now I don't know whether to mind or not that we've got the same name. It means the name of Myerson is in the world of fiction, but it's largely hers at the moment. (Of course, that will all change.)

Since Myerson is a rare name in Britain, I presume that people notice it and assume we're related. Since very few couples who work in the same area have the same name, it's quite nice that we do, but it may mean that people compare us.

Not long ago, I approached a literary editor who commissions Julie, and I'm sure she didn't use me because she didn't want two Myersons on the same page.

Still, I'm glad she changed her name. You get interesting situations when you book flights and hotel rooms in the names of Mr Myerson and Miss Myerson. People wonder what's going on. I always use the term "partner" and love watching people trying to work out why we've got the same surname. I enjoy those moments immensely and they'll continue for the rest of my life.

Julie Myerson: "I didn't have a good relationship with my father, and by my late teens he'd virtually stopped seeing me. I didn't see him again until I was 28 and Jonathan insisted that we visit him with our first baby. When he showed no interest in his first grandchild, and was as rejecting as you can be while still being polite, it just confirmed my feelings of rejection."

Two years later, he killed himself, on the night our daughter was born, which I found very freaky, although the timing was probably coincidental. It was a shock, but my feelings for him had long gone and I began to feel that I didn't want his name anymore. I wanted our family to have one name, but not the name I grew up with, which was Pike.

I was 11 when my mother left my father. She remarried and changed her name, so my sister and I grew up with a different name to the rest of the family. That's probably why having one name is a romantic idea for me. When I met Jonathan, I would gladly have married him, but I understood his argument against marrying again. As it turned out, the more permanent our relationship became, the less I felt I needed to marry him, and later I found the experience of having a baby was so romantic that it felt very much like getting married.

I realised that what I wanted wasn't so much the actual mar-

riage, but everything else that went with it, including the name. In a funny sort of way, I almost felt it was my right. I thought that after having three children who took Jonathan's name, it was also mine to take. Maybe it was a bit rough on him that I was the first to get the name on a book, especially as my first book attracted so much publicity. Still, I'm glad I've only published in the name of Myerson because Pike didn't stand for anything nice at all.

My friends saw my change of name as a bit like having our own marriage. At the time, I didn't see it like that, but in retrospect I can see that's probably what we were doing.

It very much came from me, though – it wasn't something we decided together. We had a party to celebrate and all our friends brought presents, like wedding presents, which was a bit embarrassing because I hadn't meant it like that.

I didn't leave my old name completely behind because around that time Jonathan nicknamed me Pike as a joke. That's typical of our relationship – we send each other up all the time. Even the children now call me Pike when they're cross.

I never felt happy when I was Julie Pike, but everything started to fit into place when I became Julie Myerson.

It's a bit like when you read about people who have had sex changes because they're the wrong sex. I'm sure that it's a lot to do with the fact that I'm happy – probably happier than I've ever been – and I feel very rooted.



Glynn Griffiths

Jonathan and Julie Myerson, both caring about sharing a surname

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After a grubby dispute between Equity and the advertising industry, Britain's finest thespians are at last free to sell washing powder. Nicole Veash gives a tantrum-by-tantrum account of the voice-over war



The bad guys: Cilla (left) said her bit for a supermarket while Stephen Berkoff (centre) was caustically unrepentant about his burger deal. The good guy: Helen Mirren (right) refused to do airline ads

It was hell, darling, sheer hell

THERE'S BEEN war among the thespians of late – frayed tempers, backbiting, even some out-and-out name-calling. But just over a week ago there was resolution, a cathartic end to a long and painful struggle. Yet the tiff between the advertising industry and the actors' union, Equity, is over. Well, almost. This long-running dispute may have passed you by, but for thousands of jobbing actors it was serious stuff.

1958: the beginning
At the dawn of commercial television an agreement was signed between Equity and the advertising industry. These were "innocent" days, as one Equity spokesman described them, when actors were paid in blocks of ten ads, or "spots" as they were then quaintly known. Things continued happily for many a long year, with actors getting a fee for the initial studio session and each subsequent repeat. But eventually this cosy relationship came crashing down.

1991
The satellite and cable explosion changed the game – suddenly, thousands of extra ads were being made. Instead of basing fees on the "spot" system, Equity, the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising (the agencies) and interested parties, such as the production companies, thrashed out an agreement which, in Equity's words, "revolutionised" the system. Instead of being paid in blocks of ads, actors were paid in accordance with the ratings: if your lips happened to brush seductively against a Cadbury's Flake during a *Coronation Street* ad break, you could expect big bucks. Everyone was happy, until...

November 1996
The 1991 agreement was about to expire. Ad agencies, miffed that clients were, in their eyes, paying way over the top for actors' services, wanted to shave off cash from both the top and minimum end of the fee structure, which started at just 270 per voiceover session.

With some leading thespies commanding tens of thousands of pounds for a campaign, including repeat fees, agencies said that their patience and, bizarrely, their budgets, were wearing thin. They wanted to curb the earnings of such voice-over giants as King Em Reitel, the vocal chameleon who made his name voicing politicians on Spitting Image or Miriam Margolye, the matronly actress famous for advertising chocolate in honeyed tones, by trying to ensure that non-visual artists were paid less than visual artists. Equity refused to agree to the IPA's terms, ordering their members either "only do ads to finance serious projects" or, at the other end of the spectrum, to make ends meet.

February 1997
Then it got silly. According to the ever-helpful but nameless Equity spokesman, the ad industry "dropped their heels in and wouldn't budge". But the nice chap from IPA said simply, "Well, they walked out and refused to talk." And so, inevitably...

May 1997
With impeccable timing, Equity called a strike – the day that Tony Blair, Labour prime minister, took office. However, they allowed members to continue working if they were offered terms under the 1991 agreement.

August 1997
Things muddled along unhappily for a while until both sides met for informal talks to try to break the stalemate. Once again, Equity asked the advertisers to relax their terms. They refused.

"We had a mass meeting," says the valiant Equity knight, "and we decided not to tolerate their ridiculous suggestions. We had no choice but to take a stronger line of action."

September 1997
And thus it was decreed: no actor, no matter how masterful, how rested or broke, should take ad work. "Some people endured considerable hardship," says the actors' representative. Wild tales began circulating in the press like that of five unknowns from Glasgow who turned down a three-year contract with McDonald's for £50,000 each or Scottish thesp Dennis Lawson's tale of an unemployed actor with two small children who turned down a £25,000 contract rather than break the strike.

November 1997
In what must rank as one of the calmest, head-held-high strikes on record, the big names took their stand. Helen Mirren, for example, calmly turned down a Virgin Atlantic contract, said to be worth anywhere between £80,000 and £100,000, for the sake of solidarity. Voice-over giants like Brian Cox and Bill Paterson stood four-square. Chris Evans, not even an Equity member, refused to do an ad for nappies.

Those "voice professionals" as they are called in the trade, claim they noticed a perceptible decline in quality of ads. Sto-

ries leaked out about desperate admen hiring amateurs for their "fresh style". Paul Cardwell, the man behind the Creature Comfort electricity ads, got a tax inspector from Bristol to do the tortoise voice. They recorded 132 hours of tape to get just 40 seconds of quality ad time.

Humorous but hungry Equity strikers got extra laughs out of unsubstantiated rumours about admen taking leading voiceover roles themselves. Serious, albeit partisan, ad-watchers muttered about the lack of quality in the current crop of campaigns, something denied by the IPA to this day. "We managed more than adequately without them," my man tartly said.

December 1997
The pitched battle intensified. The run-up to Christmas is traditionally a lucrative time in the ad world. But the actors kept their resolve, with little indication of weakening at this tempting time.

Until, that is, actor/writer Steven Berkoff got hot under the collar and broke ranks, agreeing to do a series of five voiceovers for McDonald's. Leading Equity lights Sir Derek Jacobi, Robert Powell, Prunella Scales and Tim Pigott-Smith saw red. "It's just as well he's practised a one-man show because that may well be all he's left with," hissed Pigott-Smith.

In his defence, Berkoff said: "I suppose when you are a successful wage earner, it is easy to breathe your high moral disdain." Berkoff had a destabilising effect on morale, "says my Equity person. "He caused real outrage but he also paved the way for a handful of voiceover agencies to break the strike."

Stephen Berkoff, though, quivered with righteous indignation. "It is such an iniquitous act that I have no words for it," he said when Equity said they were "appalled" at his actions. "To publicly humiliate me by putting me in the stocks so that a bunch of second-rate actors can hurt their moral scruples at me is beyond redemption."

"If, by chance, I had made some mistake or error of judgment, then there is a machinery within Equity to chastise or investigate or warn me to desist. If you have erred on the wrong side, then they should take you to task, but they should not spill the beans and publicly demean you as if you are some kind of moral reprobate."

Stephen Berkoff remains a member of Equity.

April 1998

When TV's highest-paid Scouser, Cilla Black, was caught up in the storm it became evident that things weren't going wholly to plan. The nation's matchmaker unwittingly, so her agents claimed, became a blackleg after she agreed to do voiceovers for Safeway. Ms Black's representatives said she knew nothing of the strike, despite it being in full swing for seven months.

Cilla was not the only one to fall out of step. Em Reitel, the voice-over king, announced he was resigning from Equity, saying, "The Spice Girls don't have a union. The Beatles didn't have a union – actors don't need one." The strike was "misguided and pointless", he said, while Equity's "hypocritical policies" made him sick. "When you join Equity you are joining an exclusive club full of feuds and bitchiness," he said. "There is no element of free thought."

June 1998
Just under a fortnight ago, though, the two sides started talking again, both predictably, claiming victory. "We are advising our members to work under the terms and conditions of the 1991 agreement," says the Equity spokesman. "We have got to start talking again and as long as these minimum requirements are in force, we think a significant point has been made."

So if the status quo that existed before the strike has been legitimised, surely nothing has been won? The IPA man tries to clarify things. "Things ain't over yet, but there is scope to move forward. We will be having talks about talks and we hope things will be less fraught in the future."

And finally back to Equity. "All our members were behind us," gushes the spokesman. And how many is that? "Well, if you include all our dead ones, who support us in spirit, that's 200,000."

Which goes to prove one thing: for actors, life is one big drama.

Epilogue
All that solidarity was quick to fade, and it was reported at the weekend that Tony Booth, Cherie Blair's father, was leading an attempted left-wing coup against Equity's moderate ruling group, which includes Sirs David Hare and Derek Jacobi, Timothy West, Juliet Stevenson, Dawn French and Julie Walters, criticising them for their "inept handling" of the dispute. In next month's elections, the new president is expected to be the soft-left reformist, Tony Robinson. No doubt Baldwin has a cunning plan to keep the union together.

Crocks of rock turn into good-time boys

UP TO a year ago nobody could have accused Belfast Civic Authority of being an institution driven by fun, but like everything in Ulster these days, strange things are afoot.

The "Ulster Says No" banner that (dis)graced the city hall for years has been quietly retired, and after dark decades of Free Presbyterian fundamentalists picketing so much as a gospel pop gig in a church hall, the kids want to rock. Their parents, too, if the Van 'n' Bob demographic was anything to go by.

The open-air concert has been a rarity in Northern Ireland, but last year's U2 concert – attended by 40,000 in these same Botanic Gardens – set in motion a trend as irreversible

POP
VAN MORRISON
AND BOB DYLAN
BOTANIC GARDENS, BELFAST

as the peace process. People want a little fun, and on Friday night they set out to get it from Bob Dylan and Van Morrison. Bizarrely, two of rock's infamous curmudgeons had come out for the same thing. Fronting a five-piece band with no keyboards but with Dobro and mandolin helping deliver a shimmering guitar soundscape, Dylan was here to *confound* the sceptics. He even spoke, introducing an old Irish folk song, "Stephen's Green", that, to judge from the looks his band

gave him, was a spur-of-the-moment decision. "Never tried that before," he said. "Hey, it wasn't bad."

And neither were the classics he had to hear – "It Ain't Me Babe", "Don't Think Twice", even "Tim's Wheel's on Fire" for goodness sake. The bulk of the set was big and electric though – a pulsing ZZ Top-ish behemoth that lent a freshness to the likes of "Serve Somebody" and "Under the Red Sky". The highlight was a gloriously extended "Tangled Up in Blue", with Bob duck-walking the stage, harmonica in one hand and all but conducting the roars of applause with the other. The voice may have been cracked like an ancient sculpture but without the whine of parody. Al-

most beyond belief, Van was up for a good time, too. It was definitely his crowd. Opening with "Days Like This" it was unashamedly a song everybody knew – a song used by the Government in a series of TV peace commercials. After it, he spoke. This is a man who gets through entire concerts in silence.

"That was from the peace gig we did with Bill Clinton," he said. "This one's from the last record." He even told us what it was called. His new band were fabulous even by his own exacting standards, swathing everything with a light, airy, soulful shimmer and trouncing Bob's crew for sheer dynamics. Even the singularly unlovely refrain of "Don't Let The

Bastards Grind Me Down" from *Raincheck* sounded like it just might be spiritually uplifting.

"Any requests?" he asked, and he meant it. Some 15,000 people roared, and the 1989 hit "Whenever You Shine Your Light On Me" was the result. Artistically self-obsessed and hateful of the music biz he may be, but when he wants to be – as he did on Friday – he is brilliant and inspirational. Among the best there is.

Bob Dylan and Van Morrison play Wembley Arena, 27 June (0181 902 0902). A version of this review appeared in later editions of The Independent on Saturday

COLIN HARPER



And darkly flows the Don

THEATRE
DON JUAN
SPECTRUM CENTRE
INVERNESS

laration that "I have it in me to love the whole world", to his wily observation that "all the hypocrites need to see them through is a touch of humility", the play's events highlight the many shades of grey between the supposed opposites of licentiousness and piety. Mediated by the uncomfortably – though often comically – fence-sitting Murochay. Don Juan's much-put-upon servant, these issues are opened up to encompass wider dualities – freedom and law, flesh and spirit, expediency and principle.

The period background of the Covenanter era – artfully reflected in Andy Thorburn's original live score, which draws on Scottish music and instruments –

complementing performance in the twin-anchor role of Murochay, his opportunistic dodgings and diversions between attempts to save his employer's soul and his own self-serving pragmatism, providing both a generous vein of sharply fashioned humour and a microcosmic précis of the key arguments.

Tours the Highlands and Islands until 8 July

SUE WILSON

'Rake's Progress' stumbles

BALLET
THE ROYAL BALLET
DE VALOIS TRIBUTE
BARBICAN, LONDON

IT'S THE thought that counts, I suppose. At the Barbican last Monday the Royal Ballet paid tribute to Dame Ninette de Valois, who was 100 on 6 June. The gala was not only to thank "Madam" for founding British ballet but also to remind everyone of her talents as a choreographer. Nice idea, but the company did not do it justice.

The *Rake's Progress* was made in 1935 and the 40-minute narrative animates Hogarth with precision footwork. This revival was oddly lifeless. Stuart Cassidy gave a conscientious portrayal of the young man driven to the madhouse, but he couldn't make us give a damn. Peter Aberglen's cameo as Raving Madness was far more moving. Sarah Wildor's Betrayed Girl's innocence was telegraphed by the touches of folk dance in her steps.

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Forsythian, sexual sparring rather foxy and the elliptical narrative intriguing. Veteran Page-watchers were getting numb bums after 10 minutes. The 14 dancers perform against Anthony McDonald's backcloth, depicting a road heading off to a vanishing point in the MidWest. There are some tall huts for drying fishing nets which glide about the place and at one point the seating area upstage bursts into flames. The twin scores are by David Lang and Michael Gordon and the whole thing is dressed fit for a catwalk: navy blue capri pants twinned with matching see-through blouses (and that's just the men).

Come Tuesday and these de Valois divertissements were replaced by a new Ashley Page, Chenting, Lying, Stealing. If you hadn't seen a Page work before, you would probably have found this dislocated, cod-

Mukhamedov powered through the slicing leaps and furious turns with masterly ease. Unfortunately, Page's confrontational and doggedly humourless *bollets noirs* only skim the surface of this couple's emotional and stylistic range. For pudding, we got Frederick Ashton's ravishing, but pitiless, pastiche *Birthday Offering*, from 1956. The women's faces were fixed in a rictus of glee as they motored through the steps but they weren't fooling anyone. Only Sylvie Guillem seemed worthy of her variation. In the *pas de deux* Jonathan Cope neatly battled her back and forth into a languid series of two-way pirouettes as if playing with a miraculous new toy. Monday's gala was an over-generous three-and-a-half hours, but Guillem was worth the wait.

LOUISE LEVENE

Behind every Homer is a very tall man

Why doesn't 'The Simpsons' have many scripts by women?

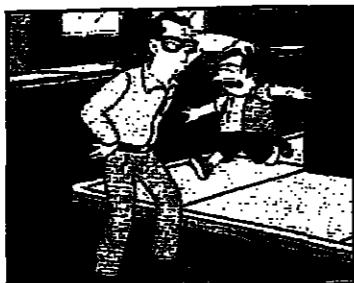
Because it's 'guy humour', says one of the head writers.

Charlotte O'Sullivan sees her dream job go down the pan

Yellow-hued, three-fingered, dysfunctional, the Simpsons family still rule the TV waves. Over here, *The Simpsons* is virtually Sky's sole claim to fame and, despite duff scheduling, it's BBC2's second most popular show, with an audience of about 4 million. But how much do we really know about *The Simpsons*? Not a lot.

An opportunity to find out more presents itself in the form of Ian Maxtone-Graham, a head writer on the show since 1995, taking a break in London. I know what to look for: the Very Tall Man character, who appears in the episode "22 Short Films About Springfield", is based on him. I spot him immediately - he is indeed long-limbed, scrawny too, with frugly blue eyes and a wryly helpless manner. "Hi," he says, "the PR woman wants to come along. Just in case I do a diatribe about Sky."

Such casual irreverence is typical of *The Simpsons* style. Though owned by Rupert Murdoch's Fox Network, the show regularly presents Fox executives as morally-retarded "jerks" and has Murdoch popping up as "an evil billionaire" in an upcoming episode. Meanwhile, Microsoft's Bill Gates is portrayed as a vicious capitalist thug. How do *The Simpsons* team get away with this stuff?



Maxtone-Graham beams. "We're in a very special position. No one wants to be the big ogre stamping out Bart. Murdoch doesn't mind it at all, touch wood. But one thing we didn't do with Gates was ask him first. If you ask someone and they say 'No, I'll sue', you're in a tough legal position." He gives a wicked smile. "But if you just go ahead and have an actor do the voice, you're in a better position because they [the celebrity] never said no."

He says working on *The Simpsons* is a dream. The writing team usually consists of about 12 individuals, with an average age of 30 (at 38, Ian is, in his own words, "a fossil"). One person is responsible for writing the basic script (Ian is best known for "Burns, Baby Burns", which featured Rodney Dangerfield as the son of Monty Burns) but then everyone pitches in "to try and make it that much better".

Famous for their attention to detail, it turns out the whole group have a problem with minutiae. They're always mixing up Rod and Todd, for starters. "Todd's supposed to be the

tinier one, but that changes and so do the voices." Maxtone-Graham knows such carelessness drives "the beetie-browed people on the Internet" to distraction.

"They seem to have no life except *The Simpsons*," he complains. "They see everything as part of a vast plan, but boy, is there ever no vast plan!" The fans took particular exception to "A Star Is Burns", in which Jay Sherman from *The Critic* comes to judge a film festival in Springfield. "I loved that one," says Maxtone-Graham.

I'm amazed. I've never felt excluded as a female. More to the point, Marge and Lisa seem crucial to the show's success. "Oh sure," agrees Maxtone-Graham with a patronizing smile. "The Lisa shows are great, you get the nice, sweet, observant

stuff with her. Really, there are two kinds of episodes, one with Homer

stuff with her. Really, there are two kinds of episodes, one with Homer going the hilarious buffoon, the other softer thing with Marge and Lisa." I'm beginning to grind my teeth, here. No wonder women find it so hard work on *The Simpsons* - such a perception of the gender divide harks back to the last century. Maxtone-Graham insists it gets uncomfortable when there are female writers in the room: "We make awful scatological sexual jokes. It's not like we sit around the table with our dicks out, but having a woman in the room ... I think it changes the tenor."

So there goes my dream job. Still reeling, I inquire about the future. The recent murder of regular player Phil Hartman seems strangely ominous - the intrusion of tabloid chaos into pristine cartoon satire. Suddenly less sunny, Maxtone-Graham admits the effect was devastating. "I was never under the im-

pression that it was a perfect marriage," he says, raising his eyebrows, "but when I heard the news ... that sort of thing changes your world." And the world of *The Simpsons*? His response couldn't be more candid: "I think we should pack it in soon and I think we will - we're running out of ideas."

Consumers needn't worry. Two more series are currently being put together - and there's so much in every *Simpsons* episode that they bear repeated viewing. As Maxtone-Graham is rightly able to boast, "they're going to be re-run for ever".

So, don't look to *The Simpsons* for a grand plan, or hold your breath for women writers. But if you want iconoclasm and immortal wit, stay tuned.

The Simpsons is screened twice daily on Sky One and intermittently on BBC2

Scriptwriter Ian Maxtone-Graham, the inspiration behind the 'Very Tall Man' Nicola Kurtz



THE RATINGS

TERRESTRIAL

No surprises here - though it's strange to see a chart that doesn't contain an antipodean soap offering

PROGRAMME	TOTAL (MILLIONS)
1= EastEnders (Tue/Sun)	16.98
2= Coronation Street (Mon)	16.98
3 Coronation Street (Wed)	16.59
4 Coronation Street (Sun)	15.84
5 EastEnders (Thu/Sun)	15.78
6 EastEnders (Mon/Sun)	14.70
7 Coronation Street (Fri)	14.35
8 Diana: Secrets (ITV)	12.79
9 Emmerdale (Tue)	12.29
10 Where The Heart Is (ITV)	11.83

TERRESTRIAL NON-SOAPS

... And no surprises here, either: Princess Diana rules from beyond the grave, while Sarah Lancashire's gentle drama series fetches up close behind

PROGRAMME	TOTAL
1 Diana: Secrets (ITV)	12.79
2 Where The Heart Is (ITV)	11.83
3 World's Dumbest Drivers (ITV)	9.09
4 Stars In Their Eyes (ITV)	8.96
5 News At Ten (ITV, Mon)	8.50
6 Children's Hospital (BBC1)	8.55
7 Eve Spy (ITV)	8.47
8 Wheel Of Fortune (ITV)	8.29
9 Wycliffe (ITV)	8.27
10 Lloyd-Webber (ITV)	8.13

SATELLITE AND CABLE

All on Sky 1. The next biggest audience was the 370,000 for *The Rock* on Sky Movies Screen 2. Thank God for *The Simpsons*

PROGRAMME	TOTAL
1 The Simpsons (Sun, 6.30pm)	0.83
2 Friends	0.77
3 The X-Files	0.71
4 Stargate SG-1	0.66
5 The Simpsons (Tue, 7.0pm)	0.62
6= The Simpsons (Mon, 7.0pm)	0.59
6= Star Trek: Voyager	0.59
8 The Simpsons (Wed, 7.0pm)	0.57
9= The Simpsons (Thu, 7.0pm)	0.56
9= The Simpsons (Sun, 6.0pm)	0.56

CHANNEL 5

This may come as a surprise to those who cannot get Channel 5 (and to those who can).

PROGRAMME	TOTAL
1 Them! (film)	1.58
2 It Was Him Or Us	1.53
3 Against Their Will	1.53
4 Armed And Innocent	1.48
5 The Surrogate	1.40
6 Family Affairs (Tue/Wed)	1.07
7 Family Confidential	1.04
8 Family Affairs (Thur/Fri)	1.03
9 Family Affairs (Wed/Thur)	0.98
10 The Courtyard	0.91

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Wackos, jocks and naked lies

Jasper Rees examines the American obsession with self-examination

THIS IS AMERICA, a five-part documentary on Radio Three, explains how America uses the broadcast media to gaze at its own navel. At one point in his fortnight's odyssey round the States, its presenter Ian Peacock, chanced to participate in a moment of perfect broadcasting circularity. A man was standing on a street corner in Los Angeles hawking tickets to a CBS television show. Peacock started recording him, whereupon a camera crew showed up and proceeded to film Peacock taping the ticket-seller, which Peacock in turn commented on. It was, in other words, a report of a report of a report.

American television and its audiences have come to know each other so well that this type of reflexivity is no longer a side order: it's part of the main dish. You get knowledginess in American TV the way you get fries with your burger. There's a cable station called the E! Channel which is entirely given over to the subject of television. *The Larry Sanders Show*, the most sophisticated and witty television programme in America, is about a television programme.

It's hardly surprising that Americans are so familiar with a medium whose grammatical rules they more or less invented. By the time the average American reaches the age of 72, he or she will have watched 12 years of television. This daily intake acts as a kind of deposit into an ever-accumulating bank of information. Fittingly, the name of Peacock's series is not original, but borrowed from an American

radio show. *This American Life* is broadcast on National Public Radio once a week from a pier on Lake Michigan. The suitably reflexive name of its host is Ira Glass, a Woody Allen soundalike who sets himself a weekly mission to define America; his catchphrase is, "In America, meaning is up for grabs." So what is the meaning of the American media?

The British *This American Life* investigates the theory proposed by Jean Baudrillard that the media is America's Polaroid, the instant snapshot it constantly takes of itself to see how it's looking today. Baudrillard said you have to enter the fiction of America when you get here," says Peacock, "and accept that it's not a country but a dream. America, the idea, appears first in the media, then in real life. He looks at America as a sort of hypertested, as the world's only self-conscious utopia."

That self-consciousness manifests itself as a kind of insecurity

lic access TV is a safety valve through which society's wackos let the hot air out of their system. Peacock says it's no more harmful than hospital radio. "Nobody ever listens to it," he says, "but it's terribly good therapy for the people who work on it."

The series fetches up in Los Angeles, which underpins more than anywhere else Baudrillard's assertion that in America "the cities come straight out of the movies, rather than vice versa."

The programme is called *The Truman Show* after the hit film starring Jim Carrey as the unwitting star of a real-life soap. The corollary of the American drama is the American lie, and Los Angeles is the world capital of bare-faced mendacity.

"It seems whenever you want to cancel an appointment you kill a relative," Peacock says. "On one occasion somebody unexpectedly had to fly off to New York a few minutes before my interview with him. I went to the TV channel where this person worked in order to interview some executive instead, but then I had to go outside to wait for a cab. As I was waiting this person came round the corner presenting a trailer for his programme. But there was no way in which I could have walked back into that building and said,

"This is a lie 'because that would have broken the illusion. The primitive undergraduate thesis of America did come true in the making of the series - it's about dreaming and lying and myths and tall tales."

This Is America begins on 29 June, Radio 3, 9.15pm



Zoo radio - a mission to be shocking and wacky

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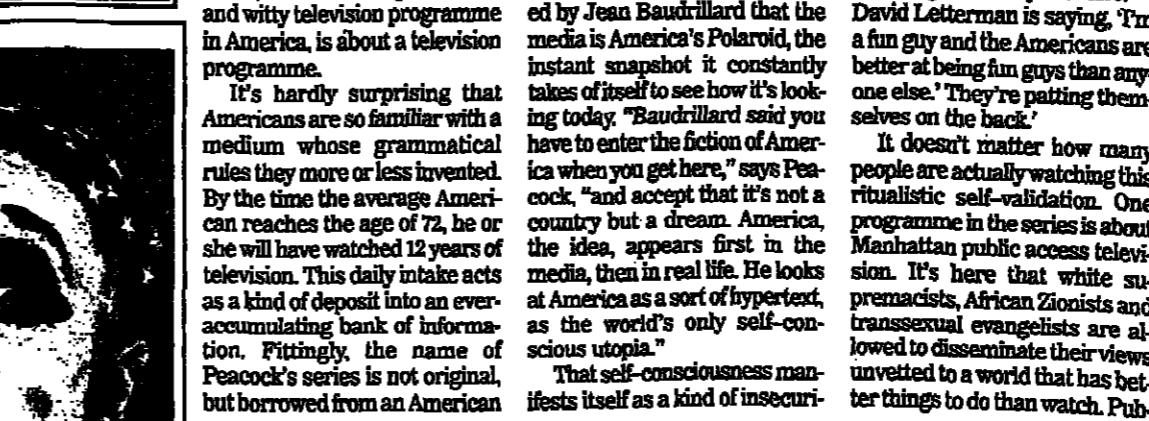
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NETWORK

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Signal failure caused by the wrong type of spam

THINK FOR a moment about signal-to-noise ratio. Signal is the desirable, useful, interesting part, while noise is the scratchy, ear-splitting or otherwise objectionable piece.

Example: I'm sitting in a packed 757 somewhere over America's desert south-west, heading for Orlando, Florida, home of Disney World. Children are screaming, flight attendants are hanging trolleys, the plane is rocking through turbulence. A silly movie is adding to the cabin's chaos.

Suddenly, clear and rich, the voice of Aretha Franklin belts out the feminist anthem "Respect". For three minutes the noise of the Boeing and its occupants recedes into the background. Aretha's "signal" cuts through a powerful lot of "noise".

We who were young when radio was one of the most popular and prevalent cultural media had direct experience with teasing signal out of noise, especially if we lived in the

boondocks. Because, at night, when conditions were right, radio waves could be relied on to skip over the horizon, bringing audible wonders from far away Meccas which we could only dream about in our backwater bogs.

Young Chris Gulkner would lay under the bedcovers in a small Pennsylvanian town, with a large, valve-powered radio pulled close to the side of the bed. The volume was turned to a whisper, in the hopes of bringing in Wolfman Jack from distant California without waking a parent in the dead of night.

Young Bob Marley would stand in the gathering dusk, crowded around one of the few and treasured radios in a Jamaican ghetto, while some expert hand tried to bring in far away New Orleans. Those fifties radio stations were broadcasting the birth of Rock'n'Roll live from clubs and bars.

Imagine that scene: the signal would fade into the static, ob-

scured by loud crackles from lightning somewhere over the Caribbean. Frustration and anticipation as the dial was rocked back and forth; then the signal would rise out of the background crackle, at first faintly, then louder. Suddenly, a syncopated, back-beat rhythm, a brash and frantic piano lead: Professor Longhair or, perhaps, Fats Domino, would cut the sultry Jamaican air.

Marley and his peers listened in as an epochal cultural revolution was taking place in Louisiana. They would go on to invent their own music form, Reggae, almost out of thin air. One wonders what might have happened if their ancient radios had never been able to raise the signal above the noise?

So signal, by and large, is good and noise is bad, to put a subjective spin on the topic. Which gets me to spam, which is what this column is really about.

Spam, of course, refers to un-



CHRIS GULKNER

Spammers, in my experience, are a larcenous bunch, not content to be merely creepy

wanted electronic communications. Some would say that spam properly means "off-topic post-

ings in Usenet news groups", but the term has come to cover unwanted e-mail as well.

Spammers bother to flood the Internet with their solicitations for toe-fungus remedy, printer toner cartridges, phone sex, cheesy software, cheap hardware, shabby investment offerings, badness cures, get-rich-quick schemes, pornography, new-age religion, chain letters and a wealth of other dubious stuff because they think they will get rich this way. They figure there must be a few suckers in every million or so people. If you troll enough millions, you may be able to get hundreds of thousands of suckers. Thus, this crowd relentlessly chew up massive amounts of Internet bandwidth.

Indeed, they are so rapacious not to mention annoying that most legitimate Internet businesses try to keep them off the air. There's also the issue that, unlike junk mailers, who have to pay to de-

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Since Internet service providers and online services get so many complaints about spam, they have to hire people to handle the complaints and track down the perpetrators, and this expense gets passed on to the customer, one way or another.

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Woman on the cutting edge of the Web

The artist Auriea Harvey is proving that the Internet can be a place of beauty. By Jason Cranford Teague

AURIEA HARVEY, Ria to her friends, is an artist and designer pushing the boundaries of her chosen medium. Not just as a tool to sell people more stuff, distribute dull corporate reports or rant about the Millennium Dome, but as a form of artistic expression.

Her Web site, [entropy8](http://www.entropy8.com) (<http://www.entropy8.com>), has won numerous awards and appeared in several books on site design (including my own), and with good reason: it is possibly the most beautiful site out there and it just gets better all the time. I talked to Auriea recently about Web art and her stand on the medium as the message.

Jason Cranford Teague: What was it that first attracted you to the Web as a viable medium for your own artistic expression?

Auriea Harvey: The Web was something that I just sort of fell into. An extension of very early experimentation with computer software as a means of creating images while I was in college. The Web took it to greater heights, though, because now I can have interaction with the

people viewing my work. It seemed like a natural fit to me.

JCT: What skills did you have to develop as a Web designer and artist that were unique to this medium over more traditional media?

AH: There are a great many things about the Web that I am just beginning to understand. The main thing I have had to learn is that I cannot work alone all the time. It is definitely not an isolator medium and I feel that it is extremely important to take advantage of the networked environment and to use that as a strength. I had to learn to think in non-static, non-linear terms.

I think that, at first, my goal was just to play with technology. Now simply to play is not enough. I have seen how the Web can be used to create really meaningful environments and experiences for people. Not necessarily through art work like mine but through communities built of people with common interests, from various backgrounds, communicating with each other.

This is, I feel, the main function of the Web and what is ultimately the

most beautiful thing about it. **JCT:** What limitations did you have to overcome using the Web as an artistic medium?

AH: It's like anything else where there are rules: you either obey or ignore; push against or work with them. So I never consider it as something to overcome. The big problem comes with there being so many new things to learn all the time. Sorting through what one likes or does not like becomes quite a problem. Finding things you can use or deciding to just perfect what you know is always an issue.

JCT: Your site is visually rich and textured. How important is the visual side of your message compared with text - do you make a distinction?

AH: I come from a purely visual arts background and I have always preferred images to text. With text everyone feels they "know" what you are saying and are willing to take it as truth - and take you literally. With images it is left more to interpretation. The viewer must use their



Auriea Harvey with a sample of her artwork at [entropy8](http://www.entropy8.com), one of the most beautiful sites on the Web

Diane Fenster

imagination to get some understanding, and they can really interpret their own experiences and desires into your work.

AH: I believe there are ways to make textual interaction work in much the same way as imagery. Not just to be decorative but meaningful without being literal. The bottom line is, I enjoy making images and I also tend to write things down. It is up to me to figure out how these can fit together. Since I have been doing this for a while, it seems that I would be an expert at this, but it is simply not true on a certain level.

JCT: So how did you end up dealing with text?

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JCT: It took years for me to learn to paint. I imagine the Web will take equally as long to become a real means of expression for me.

All I can say is that I really like it. I love all the things that being in

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How to improve your image

SOFTWARE REVIEW

HANNAH GAL

SINCE ITS release in 1989, Adobe Photoshop has been the dominating tool for photographers, designers and practically anyone using colour on the computer.

Widely accepted as the industry standard, this program is the ideal tool for manipulating scanned images. Its standing also means it is well catered for by other manufacturers, with a multitude of plug-ins and applications to complement it.

Photoshop 3.0 revolutionised creative work with the introduction of layers, while version 4.0 brought significant improvements to efficiency and workflow. The latest upgrade brings new tools and sees Photoshop venturing into surprising territories.

Probably the most important feature is the History Palette, home to the eagerly awaited Multiple Undo. In true intelligent Adobe spirit, the facility does not just let you undo the previous stage. Instead, it keeps a record of all steps taken to create the image and displays them in the History Palette list. From sharpen-

ing, rotating and making a selection, to applying image size or filter, all changes to the image are shown and are accessible at any time.

To undo any change, the user simply deletes it off the History Palette. This facility is subject to the memory limits of the system and it is up to the user to set the number of steps for the program to record before it starts deleting them. If memory gets tight it can be freed up by purging the list. Another option is to preserve the existing list by taking a snapshot of the image so far and continue editing it.

The expanded toolbox hosts the new Measure tool, which lets you accurately assess distance between two points, analyse and compare angles. It also includes the Colour Sampler tool, which simultaneously

displays precise analysis of the colour values in the info palette so users can monitor highlights, mid-tone and shadow area at all times.

New selection tools simplify the creation of complex selections and clipping paths. Most useful are Magnetic Lasso, Freeform Pen and Magnetic Pen. Dragged around an area, the first automatically locates contrasting image area and "hugs" the edges, creating a defining line. The adjustable latitude means most objects can be selected with ease.

The Adobe Illustrator-inspired Freeform Pen tool lets you draw a path to outline an image, and the Magnetic Pen produces a Bezier path around the edge of an area to create a clipping path. But it is the 3-D Transform plug-in which marks a completely new direction for Photoshop, being the first attempt to provide 3-D effects. The 3-D feature lets you select an object in your 2-D image and move it in three dimensions. Ideal for repositioning objects and slightly tweaking the perspective beyond the capabilities of the Free Transform (Perspective) tool.

The new upgrade emphasises creativity and adaptability. As put to practice in the Jo Brand image at right, effects like inner shadows, outer glows, bevels, drop shadow and emboss can now be applied to layers in one step.

These effects remain "live" when applied, freeing you from committing to any one effect, and only update automatically when the layer is edited. This feature is independent from the greater flexibility offered by the History Palette. The latter enables access to different stages in the "history" of the image, creating exciting creative opportunities.

In this illustration, I was able to go back to the step where the background squares were created, apply

an effect and simply skip back to the more advanced stage. Another example is the return to the stage where saturation was applied to the road, eight steps back. I was able to increase saturation slightly without affecting later stages of work in any way. The harder interface design meant the right gradient style for the road was conveniently selected from the main tool box.

Another improvement is the Duotone, Colour Setting and Indexed Colour Effects dialogue boxes, which now have five previews, and there are three smoother gradient styles: angular, diamond and reflected.

You can certainly carry on using Photoshop 4, but you would be highly advised to upgrade. The huge demand on memory when handling large files is still unresolved, but Multiple Undo has finally arrived.

Adobe Photoshop 5.0, £600 plus VAT, upgrade £160 plus VAT. Further information: 0181-606 4001 or <http://www.adobe.com>



Jo Brand, easily manipulated with Photoshop 5 Hannah Gal

Turn your junk into art

WEB SITES

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The Digital Landfill
<http://www.potatoland.org/landfill/>

There's a lot of rubbish out there in cyberspace, and even more cluttering up hard drives worldwide. But a newly launched facility allows online dumping of the digital detritus. So instead of pressing the "delete" key, send your unwanted electrons in what amounts to a compost heap for the World Wide Web. This omnivorous, environmentally conscious site wears its recycling logo with pride and accepts everything - XXX-rated JPEGs, old e-mails, botched HTML. Anything goes, except perhaps old mattresses or lawn trimmings: just press the "Add to Landfill" button and watch it all accumulate on screen. Lay-

ered sections of the heap may be chosen from a side panel and examined; with the most recent browsers, it's superimposed in a jumble of text and images intended to provide fertile ground for new design ideas. In fact, it's another digital art-prank from Mark Napier, previously featured mutating a hapless Barbie in ways under-appreciated by her manufacturers.

Walk on Water
<http://www.inetworld.net/ztukar/www.html>

More creative uses for debris here, but this seems to be about

science rather than art, as engineering students compete to design suitable footwear for aquatic strollers. There's a lot about, as well as rafts made of plastic Coke bottles. Some of the "self-propelled buoyancy shoes" are wildly styled, for instance as a giant pair of Nikes. The University of San Diego has posted strict rules for the contest, which culminates in a walking race across a swimming pool: no external propulsion devices, no props to maintain balance, no modified surfboards. Overall, the entries could not be described as hi-tech. "Cut a sawtooth pattern in a large piece of styrofoam and glue to bottom of shoe." Or in the immortal words of Tim Rice: "Prove to me that you're no fool/Walk across that swimming pool."

Kite Aerial Photography
http://www.ced.berkeley.edu/arch_faculty/cris/cap/

Heath Robinson takes to the air at this site dedicated to high-altitude swooping and snapping. These impressively laid out pages are the work of a US professor who, in his spare time, straps cameras to kites and produces stunning overhead images. Lots of home-made ingenuity on display here, including a low-cost shutter delay mechanism in which a piece of string slowly cuts through a melting ice cube. The pictures, however, are expertly composed and sometimes funny: a bird's-eye view of the author shows him reclining nonchalantly in a muddy, dried-up lake bed, kite string in hand. Aerial shots, he says "challenge our spatial sensibilities, our grasp of relationships", and, in what must be the oddest trading proposal on the Web, he offers to swap copies of his snaps for old, unwanted slide rules - another of his obsessions.

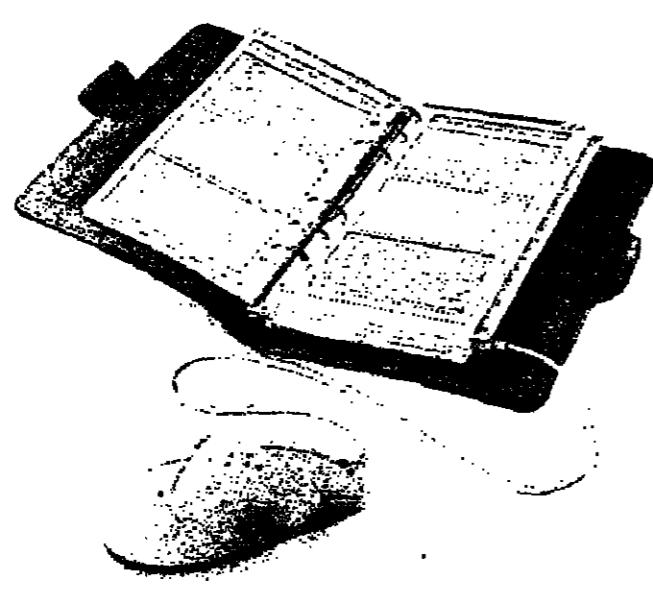


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• New software packages are making it easier to ensure your children do not access undesirable sites on the Internet. By Joseph Blindloss

A censor in cyberspace

It is late on a school night, and you hear the tapping of computer keys from your child's bedroom. Most likely, your Web-savvy youngster is exploring one of the many child-friendly sites on the Internet - rearranging the features of *Otis the Aardvark* on the children's BBC home page, perhaps - but you still feel a moment's anxiety as you enter the room. What if your child has stumbled on to a site containing hard-core pornography, or worse, is giving out his or her personal details to an anonymous stranger in an Internet relay chat room?

Increasing numbers of British parents are facing this troubling scenario every time their children go on-line. An estimated 4 million UK households will be connected to the Internet by the year 2000, with Web-based education set to play an integral role in our children's education under the Government's National Grid for Learning initiative. Yet there is a growing credibility gap between the government's "learning Net" and the World Wide Web of vice that is getting an ever higher profile in the tabloid press.

For many parents, the result is worry and confusion. But a child-safe Internet need not be a distant dream.

A diverse range of software solutions is available to monitor children in cyberspace, from complex keyword filtering systems that block sites, e-mails and newsgroups containing words such as "sex", to programs and Net connections based on regularly updated lists of banned or approved Internet resources.

The simplest and most desirable solution, from a parent's point of view, is to monitor a child's on-line time personally. Child care organisations such as the charity Childnet International recommend that younger children be supervised by an adult whenever they use the Internet.

"Parents need to be involved with their children to build their confidence with the Internet and establish house rules," insists Nigel Williams, Childnet's director. "Getting involved with your child is the first step - they will probably learn faster than you. But the Internet is a tool to help you pursue shared interests, and you will learn more by working together."

Older children, however, can benefit from exploring cyberspace for

themselves, and it is here that filtering software comes into its own. Protecting children on-line is already big business in America - the US market for filtering software was worth more than \$14m in 1997 - and market leaders such as Net Nanny and Cyber Patrol are now looking to Britain as their next big market.

The programs allow parents to prime their PC to demand a password, shut down, or even e-mail them at work if a child tries to enter a website or newsgroup that is on a list of prohibited sites. Regularly updated lists of "good" and "bad" sites are available free or for a subscription fee from the company websites. The UK is already the second largest market for on-line sales of the Learning Company's Cyber Patrol, and Net Nanny will soon be distributed by the Dixons chain through its Dixons, Currys and PC World stores.

Unfortunately, the business of protecting children on-line is further complicated by the issue of freedom of speech in cyberspace. There is a growing concern among anti-censorship organisations that proprietary filtering systems are taking editorial decisions over children's on-line viewing out of parents' hands.

"Users should be aware that they are handing over to software companies control of what they should or shouldn't see," says Malcolm Hufty, of the Campaign Against

Censorship of the Internet in Britain. "There is a place for this kind of software, particularly when children are unsupervised on the Net, but children should not always be forced to see the Internet through the eyes of cyber-nanny."

The CyberNOT list used by Cyber Patrol includes 4.5 million banned websites, assessed by a committee including teachers and judges, and users pay a subscription fee for regular updates. But the list is encrypted, and parents downloading the list, and a complimentary CyberYES list of approved sites, may be unaware that along with obvious categories such as nudity and sexual content, their children may be prevented from accessing sites dealing with areas such as feminist issues and AIDS education.

Cyber Patrol users can deactivate contentious blocking criteria, such as "alcohol or tobacco" or "sex education", according to their own cultural preferences, but Paul Harrington, the business development manager for Internet Solutions International/The Learning Company in the UK, is quick to point out that Cyber Patrol is seeking to correct this American moral bias.

"People are saying that since all the software companies are in the US, there is a cultural bias, but we're making inroads into that. We now have research teams in America,

Germany, Japan and the UK, putting 600 hours a week into researching the CyberNOT list."

Net Nanny has made this issue the core of its policy. As well as using keyword filtering, which allows parents to add or remove keywords that may lead their children into danger, its free lists and updates are fully editable by users. "It's not my right to dictate my values into your home," says Gordon Ross, Net Nanny's CEO, who has advised the Clinton administration on Net-protection issues. "We want to put control into the hands of the consumer."

Like Cyber Patrol, the software is also able to prevent children giving out sensitive information such as addresses and telephone numbers.

Concerned parents can also entrust their children to British educators.

Research Machines, the leading supplier of Internet access to British schools, operates a pre-filtered Internet-connection service called Internet for Learning, which excludes newsgroups and websites considered unsuitable in a school context. Included in the service is subscription to Eduweb, a network of educational resources with a web-publishing service for children.

But many Net users may already be able to ensure their children surf safely. Internet services such as CompuServe and AOL provide gated communities of approved Internet resources, as well as general Net access, with controls that allow parents to restrict children to child-friendly areas of the service.

Further, 75,000 websites have now been voluntarily rated by the Recreational Software Advisory Council on the Internet (RSACI), and carry an electronic label describing their content. Parents can screen these sites for adult content using web browsers such as Netscape and Internet Explorer, although unrated sites will be out of bounds.

It is widely agreed, however, that software solutions cannot replace hands-on supervision. "The computer should be in the family room," says Nigel Williams, of Childnet. "Kids have a natural curiosity, but also need to learn a new set of rules to evaluate information on the Net so they know whether it is accurate or reliable, and how to apply 'stranger-danger' skills in chat rooms. Parents also need to participate."

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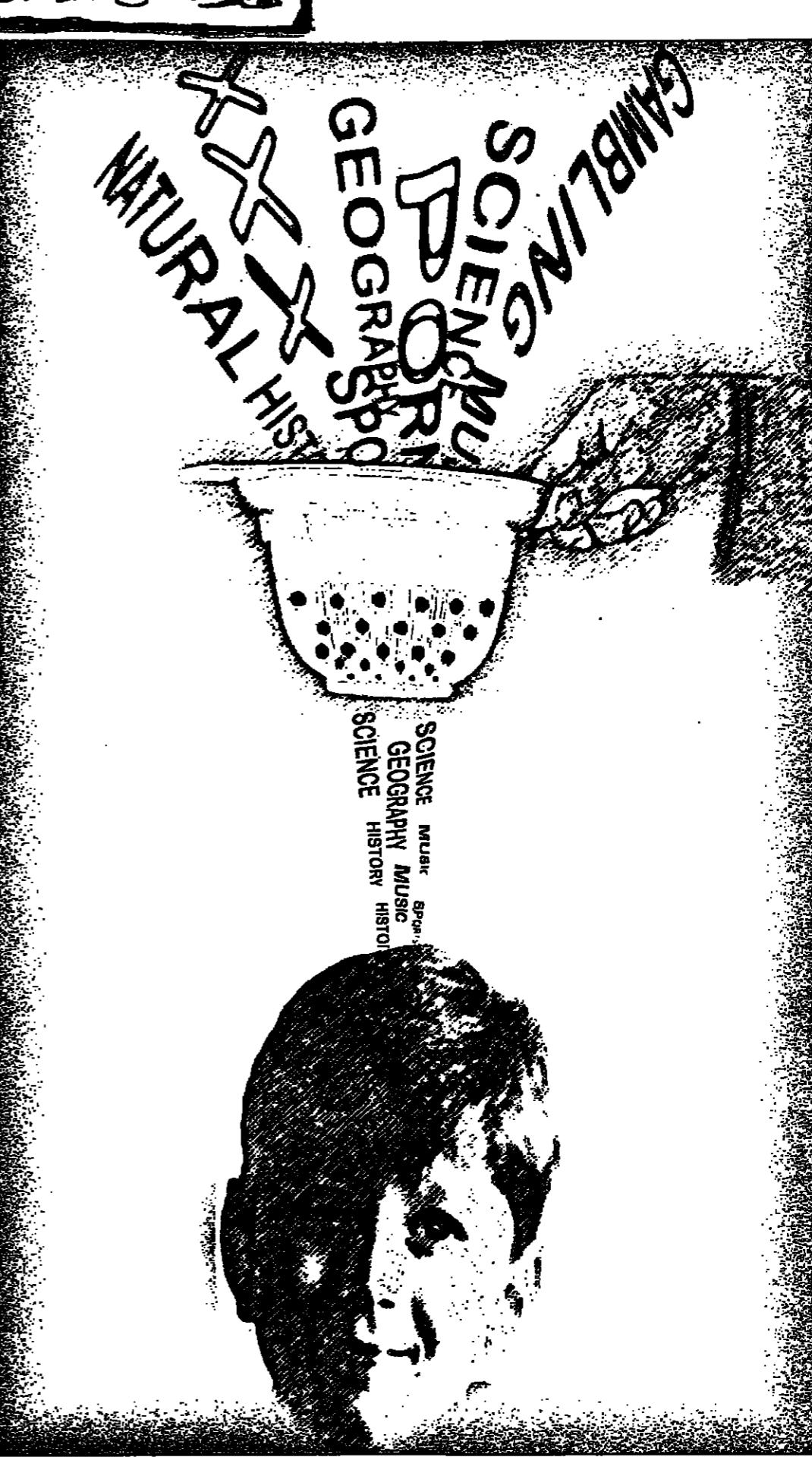
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Net Nanny is currently available by mail order from NetPartners (0171-493 5133), priced £29 plus VAT, postage and packing. Dixons will soon offer a version at £24.95. List updates are free at <http://www.netnanny.com>.

The Internet for Learning service is available by subscription from Research Machines (01235 826868) and costs £14.70 per month, including VAT. Home-link, an off-peak service for evenings, weekends and holidays, is also available at £7.50 per month inclusive.

More information on the Eduweb service is available from <http://www.eduweb.co.uk>.

NCH Action for Children (<http://www.nchaf.org.uk>) also provides an advisory document for parents on its site.



Those small wonders

PC Magazine's lab puts personal digital organisers to the test

PC MAGAZINE ELECTRONIC organisers, or what are now more commonly referred to as Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), are to the Nineties what the Filofax was to the Eighties. Unfortunately, the Filofax, which became a roaring success because you could collect everything from telephone numbers to recipes in it, also failed because it became too heavy to lug around.

Hand-held digital devices were the obvious alternative. Psion revolutionised the PDA market in the UK, and for much of the globe, when it launched Psion Series 3 in 1995. The emphasis on being able to transfer data easily between the device and a desktop PC meant that you could use it as a portable extension of your PC rather than just a device for collecting names and addresses.

Psion continued its PDA line-up with the Psion Series 5 in 1997 but its rivals have come on strong. The first real attack on Psion's market dominance came in the form of the PalmPilot from US Robotics' (now part of 3Com), and a raft of devices from vendors that run Microsoft Windows CE, a cut-down version of Windows 95.

Now there is a wide choice of devices, but there are marked differences between them in terms of price, specification, battery life and weight, and so on. To cut through the hype and confusion, and to discover which of these little devices is the easiest to use, PC Magazine conducted a comparative review in its July edition. PDAs had to run a UK-oriented operating system, be capable of direct data entry and be able to send data to and from a desktop PC.

Eleven devices fitted these criteria. All models varied in

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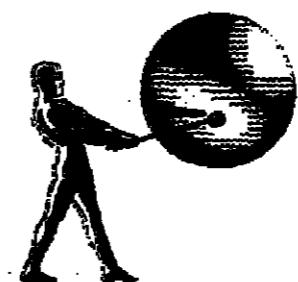
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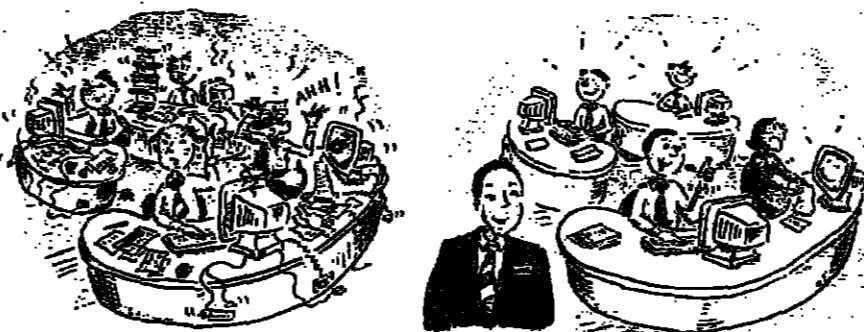
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8.30 Global Update. 8.40 Andy Kershaw. 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs. 1.00 Cive Warren. 4.00 6.30 Chris Moyles.

RADIO 2

(88.9-92.6MHz FM)
6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wake Up Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce.
12.00 Jimmy Young. 2.00 Ed Stewart. 5.05 Johnnie Walker.
7.00 Humphrey Lyttelton. 8.00 Big Band Special. 8.30 Jools Holland.
9.30 Joe Brown's Good Rockin' Tonight. 10.30 Richard Allinson.
12.05 Jeff Owen. 3.00 - 4.00 Alex Lester.

RADIO 3

(90.2-92.4MHz FM)
6.00 On Air.

9.00 Masterworks.
10.30 Artist of the Week. See *Pick of the Day*.

11.00 Sound Stories.

12.00 Composer of the Week: Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach.

1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert.

2.00 The BBC Orchestras.

4.00 Sams at the Opera.

4.45 Music Machine.

5.00 In Tune.

7.30 Performance on 3. A concert of American music given last month by the Hallé Orchestra and Canzonetta, conductor Kent Nagano, in the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester, featuring Gershwin on Broadway, rural America evoked by Copland, and the pioneering musical spirit of Ives. Gershwin: *Strike Up the Band*. Copland: *Appalachian Spring*. Gershwin: *Girl Crazy*; *My One and Only, Ives*; *Symphony No. 4*. Gershwin: *Funny Face*. See *Pick of the Day*.

9.30 Postscript. 1: The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber. See *Pick of the Day*.

9.30 Vieuxtemps. Music for violin and piano by Vieuxtemps, including *Yankee Doodle* played by Philippe Koch and Luc Devos.

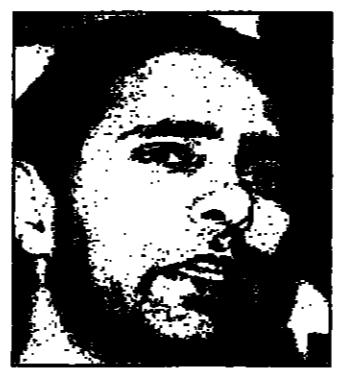
10.00 Voices. Iain Burnside presents the rising star Adrienne Pieczonka, in a programme of songs by two of the giants of the

PICK OF THE DAY

DESPITE his wonderfully humble assertion that "There is not much to say about these stories", it is Hemingway's disarming bluntness that makes his prose so perfectly suited to the airwaves. *Postscript* (9.10pm R3), focuses on five of his shorter yarns, starting with *The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber*. The inimitable Sir Colin Davis charms the socks off Joan Bakewell as this week's luminary

on *Artist of the Week* (10.30am R3) while the Hallé Orchestra emulates the Broadway musical in *Performance* on 3 (7.30pm) with four boisterous overtures by Gershwin, including *Girl Crazy* and *Funny Face*. Finally, fueling the "fact or fiction" debate is *Hanif Kureishi's* (right) cruelly funny novella *Intimacy* in *The Late Book* (12.30am R4), read by David Threlfall.

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early 20th century, both of whom were influenced by Mahler. Adrienne Pieczonka (soprano), Ian Burnside (piano). *Berg: Seven Early Songs*. *Zemlinsky: Walzer-gesange*. *On 5: Songs*. Op 27 (excerpts).

10.45 *Mining It*. Mark Russell and Robert Sandall present a session by multi-instrumentalist Sylvia Hallé, featuring, among other things, her voice, violin and bicycle wheel.

11.30 *Jazz Notes*.

12.00 *Composer of the Week*: Ludwig van Beethoven. (R)

1.00 - 6.00 *Through the Night*.

RADIO 4

(92.9-94.6MHz FM)

6.00 Today.

9.00 *Start the Week*.

9.45 *Serial: Intimate Death*.

10.00 *NEWS: Woman's Hour*.

11.00 *NEWS: Impostors*. (R)

11.30 *Ballyhoner*.

12.00 *NEWS: You and Yours*.

12.57 *Weather*.

1.00 *The World at One*.

1.30 *Mastermind*.

2.00 *NEWS: The Archers*.

2.15 *NEWS: Afternoon Play: The Strange Petitioner*.

3.00 *Money Box Live*: (0171) 580 4444.

3.30 *Matchmakers*.

3.45 *A Recollection*.

4.00 *NEWS: The Food Programme*.

4.30 *Four Corners*.

5.00 *PM*.

5.57 *Weather*.

6.00 *Six O'Clock News*.

6.30 *Just a Minute*.

7.00 *NEWS: The Archers*.

7.30 Front Row. Mark Lawson heads for the seaside in search of art inspired by the beach.

7.45 *Under One Roof*: I Never Promised You a Rose Garden. Sally Westoby's series is based on the original stories by Michelle Hanson. Everything in the garden is not quite as lovely as Gillian and her boyfriend would like as he sets to work to create an Eden in the suburbs and battles with major resistance from Bernice and Chloe. With Paola Dionisotti and Edna Dore. (1/5).

8.00 *NEWS: Hugging Demons*. At Broadway Lodge - a pioneering institution in the treatment of addictions - modest miracles are a daily achievement. In this programme, counsellors, nurses, doctors and ex-patients talk vividly and openly of their work. Presented by Chris M, himself a former patient. (R)

8.30 *Analysis: That Special Feeling*. The Clinton-Bairn personal chemistry seems to have taken the transatlantic "special relationship" to a new high. Ngala Woods asks which British interests are best served by strong transatlantic ties, and whether those links compromise Britain's place in Europe.

9.00 *NEWS: Wildlife at War*. Many animal species took advantage of the Second World War, including the avocet, which returned to breed in Britain. Dylan Walker reveals that, in the postwar carnage wrought by intensive farming, the Ministry of Defence came to act as protector of wildlife.

7.30 *World Cup 98*. Ian Payne is your host as Glenn Hodde's side line up for the second game of the tournament in Group G. Commentary from Toulouse with Mike Ingham, Alan Green and Terry Butcher.

10.00 *World Cup Phone-in*. What will the verdict be on England's first appearance? Call David Mellor on 0500 999693.

11.00 *Late Night Live*. Nick Robinson sets tomorrow's agenda today, including at 10.30 a full round-up of the day's sport, and at 11.00 a late news briefing.

1.00 *Up All Night*.

5.00 - 6.00 *Morning Reports*.

CLASSIC FM (100.1-101.9MHz FM)

6.00 *Nick Bailey*. 8.00 *Henry Kelly*. 12.00 *Requests*. 2.00 *Concerto*. 3.00 *Jamie Crick*. 6.30 *Nightshift*. 7.00 *Smooth Classics* at Seven. 8.00 *Evening Concert*. 9.00 *Alan Mann*. 2.00 *Concerto*. 3.00 - 6.00 *Mark Griffiths*.

VIRGIN RADIO (125, 157-197.6kHz MW 105.8MHz FM)

7.00 *Chris Evans*. 10.00 *Russ Williams*. 1.00 *Nick Abbot*. 4.00 *Robin Banks*/FM only *Ray Cokes* from 6.45pm. 7.30 *Ray Coles*.

10.00 *Mark Forrest*. 2.00 *Cairin Jones*. 5.00 - 7.00 *Jeremy Clark*.

WORLD SERVICE (188kHz LW)

1.00 *Newdesk*. 1.30 *Westway*. 1.45 *Britain Today*. 2.00 *Newsdesk*. 2.30 *Savan Days*.

2.45 *You and the Law*. 3.00 *Shipping Forecast*.

3.30 *World News*.

3.45 *Prayer for the Day*.

5.47 - 6.00 *Farming Today*.

RADIO 4 LW (198kHz LW)

9.45 - 10.00 *Daily Service*. 11.00 *Test Match Special*. 12.00 *News Headlines*; *Shipping Forecast*.

12.04 - 1.00 *Test Match Special*.

1.30 *Test Match Special*. 5.54 *Shipping Forecast*. 5.57 - 6.30 *Test Match Special*. 11.30 - 12.00 *Today in Parliament*.

RADIO 5 LIVE (693, 809kHz MW)

6.00 *The Breakfast Programme*. 9.00 *Nicky Campbell*. 12.00 *The Midday News*. 1.00 *Wimbledon and World Cup* 98.

RADIO 5 LIVE (198kHz LW)

1.00 *One Diamond* and *South* responded One Spade. North considered a "splinter" of Four Clubs in support of spades but his trumps were bad. It would have been a more attractive move if his ♦ A had been ♦ A but settled for a direct raise to game. All passed and West led ♦ Q against Four Spades. After winning in dummy, declarer led a trump and East showed out. "I am surprised that you did not double," he told West, exposing his hand. "You make your three trump tricks."

South studied the cards and, after observing "I wish I had," drew two more rounds of trumps. Belatedly, South realised that he had two losers to ruff but only one trump in dummy. An attempt to establish dummy's diamonds failed and, reluctantly, South conceded one off.

South's first mistake lay in playing any trump at all. He can comfortably budget for three losers in the suit and, even if it costs a possible overtrick with a more likely 2-1 spade break, he should simply have set to work on a cross-ruff and let his opponents make their three trump tricks when they liked.

South's other mistake lay in claiming too soon, for now the defence was easy for West and, secondly, he was not barred from taking any finesse that he had not previously announced. As you can see, if he had not rushed his fences, he could have recovered with a diamond finesse.

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ALAN HIRON

Game all; dealer North

North
♦ 10 9 7 5
♥ A K 7
♦ A Q 10 7 4
♦ A

West
♦ A K J
♥ Q J 10
♦ K 8 2
♦ J 8 4

East
♦ none
♥ 9 5 3 2
♦ J 9 6
♦ Q 10 9 7 3 2

South
♦ Q 8 6 4 3 2
♥ 8 6 4
♦ 5
♦ K 6 5

"DRAW TRUMPS unless there is a good reason not to" is an old adage of advice that still makes excellent sense. To which I should add: "Do not make premature claims." The by-play on this deal had an amusing side.

North opened One Diamond and South responded One Spade. North considered a "splinter" of Four Clubs in support of spades but his trumps were bad. It would have been a more attractive move if his ♦ A had been ♦ A but settled for a direct raise to game. All passed and West led ♦ Q against Four Spades. After winning in dummy, declarer led a trump and East showed out. "I am surprised that you did not double," he told West, exposing his hand. "You make your three trump tricks."

West studied the cards and, after observing "I wish I had," drew two more rounds of trumps. Belatedly, South realised that he had two losers to ruff but only one trump in dummy. An attempt to establish dummy's diamonds failed and, reluctantly, South conceded one off.

South's first mistake lay in playing any trump at all. He can comfortably budget for three losers in

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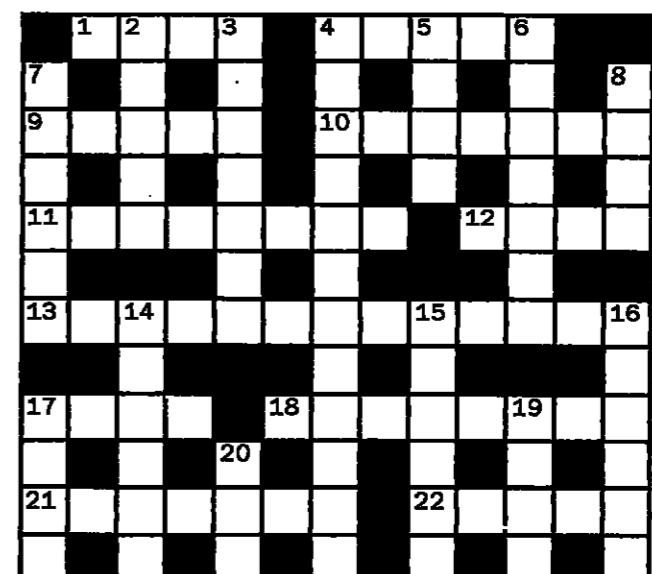
HERE'S AN interesting question to think about that may cause you to reassess the closing scenes of several cowboy films:

Three logicians are involved in a shoot-out. They draw lots to determine the order of firing, then shoot one bullet each in turn until only one of them remains alive.

One of them is a poor shot and hits what he is aiming at only 55 per cent of the time. Another is a much better shot and hits his target 75

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prise regular viewers of Beresky Square, incidentally, who have learned by now that the upper orders are - virtually without exception - ero- sionally attuned, duplicitous, selistic, amoral and so dull that a glint of any malice would shoot himself, in order to qualify for medical evacu- tion back to London. There are very few mitigating cir- cumstances which count against the critics of birth - you can be American, like Mrs. Johnson-Schrubner (one has the feeling the American reflects her dangerous democratic ideals) or you can be pre- paretal, and thus unlikely to pose a danger to passing par- ticulars - but other than that, guilt is a given.

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